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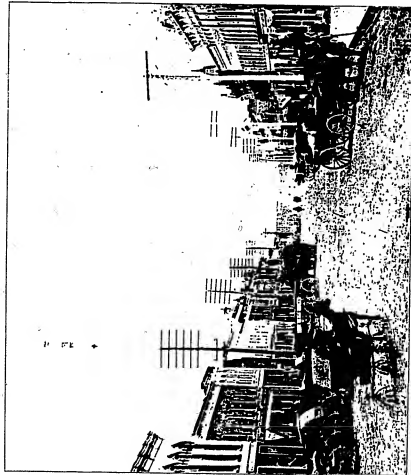
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By Martin van Johnson  
111 E. Main St.  
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## BELVIDERE ILLUSTRATED.

Standing on the threshold of the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, the enterprising city of Belvidere is looking into a future which seems to be fraught with a healthy prosperity, and pregnant with the brightest possibilities.

Few cities in the United States passed through the disastrous panic of 1893 in a condition as free from financial depression as Belvidere. Despite the univer-



STATE STREET, LOOKING NORTH FROM GEN. FULLER'S OFFICE.

PHOTO BY CLARK A. SMITH.

sal stagnation the city marched proudly on in its progress, until now it has attained a momentum which bids fair to give us an additional population of five thousand within the next ten years.

Belvidere in 1896. These few words briefly indicate the purpose kept in view in preparing and issuing this souvenir edition of THE BELVIDEREAN — to picture Belvidere as it is to-day.

Belvidere is known as one of the most beautiful small cities in the state of Illinois, and as an attractive and most desirable place of residence, blessed with

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TO THE INTERESTS OF BELVIDERE, THE CITY OF SEWING MACHINES  
AND BICYCLES.

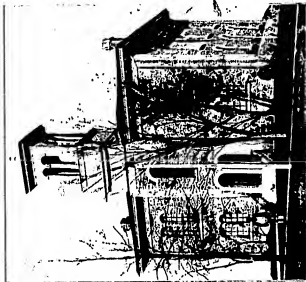
THE BEST CITY OF ITS SIZE IN THE STATE.



## BELVIDERE ILLUSTRATED.

superior educational, religious and social advantages. The products of its various factories are sold in every market, and its industrial circles throughout the country. Its business enterprises, interests and relations are constantly extending and increasing in importance.

The pages which follow invite the attention of the reader to the manifold attractions offered by Belvidere as a beautiful and desirable place of residence; to the inexhaustible supply of cheap fuel easily obtainable; to the advantages it possesses as a manufacturing center; to the unsurpassed richness and fertility of the agricultural region tributary to the city; to its transportation facilities; to the importance of its sewing machine and bicycle manufactory; to the progressive spirit



COURT HOUSE.

exhibited by the people and to the substantial foundations upon which its past and present prosperity has rested, and which point unerringly to its more rapid progress and advancement as each coming year rolls by.

In presenting this beautiful souvenir to the public, THE HERCULEAN recognizes the fact that it is in some respects imperfect, that some points have perhaps been overlooked, and that it fails to do complete justice to all the varied advantages and attractions of Belvidere, but THE HERCULEAN has spared neither labor nor expense in the effort to present as accurately and completely as possible the Belvidere of today, and is confident that no publication ever issued has pictured our city so accurately, as completely, and as attractively. Nor has any publication so elaborate and as expensive ever been undertaken in any city no larger than this, and the mere fact that an undertaking of such magnitude has been successfully carried out in Belvidere demonstrates the truth of all that is said in these pages in regard to the public

## BELVIDERE ILLUSTRATED.

spirit, enterprise and liberality of its citizens, and the importance of its business interests. From the inception of this enterprise, THE HERCULEAN has received the hearty encouragement and cordial support of the enterprising business men and public spirited citizens of Belvidere, and takes pleasure in acknowledging their active cooperation, and in saying that to them the gratifying success of this publication is principally due.

## BELVIDERE IN EARLY DAYS.

Belvidere, located on the banks of the Kishwaukee River, in Boone County, seventy-five miles west from Chicago, and occupying the apex of gently rising elevations, the Belvidere of today, with its eight thousand inhabitants, invites



BUSINESS PORTION OF NORTH STATE STREET.

comparisons and tempts to citizenship. Its history makes record of sixty years, and its real progressive life began with the advent of manufacturers ten years ago.

In 1820 the first settlers encamped beside the stream, on whose borders, near the present fair grounds, was at the time a small town of Potawatomi Indians, which in a few months removed beyond the Mississippi. Their council-house, nearly in ruins, and the remains of the chiefs, Big Thunder, within a palatial enclosure on the Mound, for a brief period gave evidence of former occupation.

The earliest settlers in this vicinity were Arebaldt Mieself, David Daubman, John K. Towner, Cornelius Cline, Erasmus A. Nix, S. P. Dady and Dr. D. H. Whitney. Messrs. Cline, Nix and Towner made their first pilgrimage from Chicago on foot, returning for their families. Mrs. Towner was the first white

ced to partnership with the original purchasers of the claim. Soon after the mills

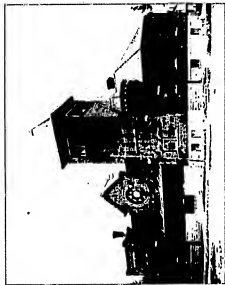


May 3, 1857, was held the first county election. In 1858 bids for a courthouse were solicited, but not until 1859 was the building completed. Its cost was \$45,000. Its successor, the present courthouse, was finished Sept. 12, 1865, after an expenditure of \$110,000. Later the record building was erected, and the

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OUR PART IN THE WAR.

The record of fatalities in connection with the war of the rebellion, with that of the whole county, is one which will be read with pride by coming generations. Over two thousand men were sent into the field. Many of them attained distinction in military and civic service, and the names of Fuller, Hurflum, Humphrey, Loop, Bush, Haywood, Baker, with scores of others, will live in the annals of those eventful years. During the war the county appropriated \$181,000 for bounties and aid to soldiers' families. In addition, the secessionists were



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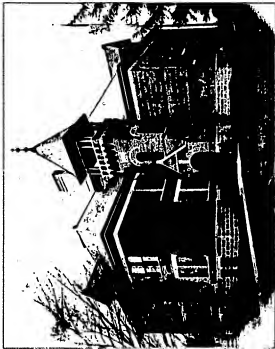
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retated \$92,000, of which Belvidere's proportion was \$78,000; and to be added to this is the sum of \$62,000, voluntarily contributed, making a total of \$210,000 disposed of for the soldiers and their loved ones at home.



BEN W. GRAVES.

ion are the First National, Second National and People's (Savings). The officers of the first National are: Mark Hanesy, president; William S. Dunton, vice-president; A. E. Loney, cashier; B. F. Illanish, assistant cashier. Its resources are: Loans and securities, \$125,000; deposits, \$125,000; capital stock, \$125,000; surplus fund and undivided profits, \$21,767.91; 200,000 bank notes outstanding, \$22,500; deposits, \$120,641.27. The Second National has for officers: Allen C. Fuller, president; D. D. Sahlin, vice-president; Irving Tervilliger, cashier; Frank Sewell, assistant cashier. Its resources are: Loans and discounts, \$137,438.98; stocks and securities, \$126,240; other items, \$91,312.60; total, \$355,091.63. The liabilities are: Capital stock, \$100,000; deposits, \$20,254.31; surplus fund and



NORTH BELVIDERE SCHOOL.

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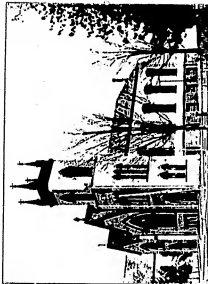
undivided profits, \$22,101.11; other items, \$22,916.21. The People's Bank is officered as follows: W. D. Swail, president; F. S. Whitman, vice-president; John Greenlee, cashier; B. F. Illanish, assistant cashier; William Greenlee, second assistant cashier. Its resources are: Loans and discounts, \$183,923.53; bonds, \$45,550.88; other items, \$39,722.83; total, \$269,207.24. The liabilities are: Capital stock, \$30,000; deposits, \$27,483.71; surplus fund and undivided profits, \$21,743.97.

#### WE BECAME A CITY.

Belvidere was incorporated as a city in 1882, and divided into four wards. In May of that year its first officers were elected. The first mayor was W. D. Swail, and those succeeding were: F. S. Whitman, John Ilanish, George H. Ilanish, and the present incumbent. The city officials now are: Dr. R. W. McElmish, mayor; A. E. Jensen, city clerk; R. W. Wright, corporation counsel; F. J.

#### BANKS OF BELVIDERE.

The banking facilities have always been fully adequate. Among the first established institutions were the Boone County Bank and the Belvidere Bank. The latter, whose president was Alexander Sted, went into liquidation many years ago. The former owned by Fuller, Lawrence and Company, was merged into the First National in 1892. At various times other banks flourished for limited periods, in the list being those operated by Yount, Lawrence & Company, M. G. Leonard and W. H. Gillman. The banks now furnishing accommodation



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

THOMAS W. B. LUTHERAN.

Exas, city attorney; J. H. Cook, treasurer; L. P. Lagan, street commissioner; George H. Hurlin, assessor; E. E. Sweeney, police captain; William Richardson, chief of police; John Thru, fire marshal; local of all ward, A. W. Robinson, F. H. Dyson; second ward, A. A. Stafford, J. W. Sharp; third ward, B. B. McFall, P. R. Kennedy; fourth ward, F. W. Crane, W. H. Moore. The board of health is composed of Mayor McNeill, Dr. A. W. Swift, Dr. Willis Butterfield, and the city marshal.

An ordinance, approved January 25, 1898, appropriated the following amounts for the purposes indicated: Sinking fund, \$11,500; interest fund, \$62,246; salary of officers, \$1,361; municipal expenses, \$647; city marshal, \$1,200; police department, \$3,320; street lighting, \$2,000; legal expenses, \$434; health department, \$130; fire department, \$3,773; waterworks, \$12,912.71; general street work, \$4,420; library fund, \$700; total, \$44,103.21. The expenditures during 1898 were \$42,700.82, but of this sum a certain proportion was the obligation of the previous year. That this



MRS. F. C. STEDILE.

amount has been wisely expended is attested by the condition of the streets and various public improvements, and the service rendered by the different departments. The population of the city, according to the last school census, was 8,000.

#### A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM.

The pressing need of an effective sewerage system became so apparent that last year the council passed an ordinance providing for a survey and estimate with reference to public work. This was immediately and competently done by W. C. Chicago, local sanitary engineer. The plan of the city is provided for by the local health board, and each commanding authority is still in a position to carry it out. The system will be gradually extended until every section of the city is reached.

#### PERIOD OF GROWTH.

From the close of the war until the inauguration of manufacturing, the experience of Belvidere was that of other communities depending entirely upon the local industries for revenue. It, however, prospered, but the increase of population was moderate, and its resources, while available to the amount necessary for ordinary purposes, permitted little in the way of public improvements. With the transfer from Chicago of the line plant, eventually the National Sewing Machine Company, now one of the most important representatives of this industry in the whole country, began the wonderful advancement of the city. Other corporations followed the initial company, and more are to avail themselves of the superior advantages offered by this central and promising location. The new elements infused life, the growth in numbers and increase of means earned the undertaking of larger enterprises, and its recent past gave promise of a prosperous future to the individual and the municipality.

#### OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Belvidere Public Library originated from a donation of \$2,000 by General Fuller in 1882, and is located in the city hall building. It has for officers: President, Allen C. Fuller; Vice President, W. D. Swail; Secretary, Irving De Witt; Librarian, Miss Mary F. Campbell; Assistant Librarian, Miss Nellie Green. The library is composed of the three officers first named, with the addition of Messrs. A. C. Fawcett and J. C. Foster, and Messrs. G. H. Hurlin, E. T. Gage, J. R. Balliet and C. E. Scott. The number of books is 10,000. The number of donations for the year 1891-2 of 25,430. The last register number of cards issued is 2,792.

MRS. F. C. STEDILE.  
THOMAS W. B. LUTHERAN.

# FACTS ABOUT OUR CITY.

The city hall, a fine structure centrally located, was erected in 1884, at an expense of \$10,000. On the main floor is the postoffice and in the second story the chamber city clerk's office and the law public library.

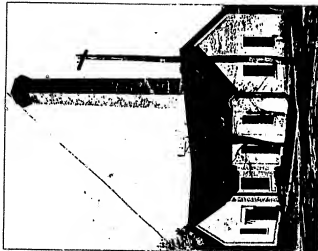
On September 6 of last year John M. Roach, of Chicago, was granted permission by ordinance to build and operate an electric railway on various principal streets. The road was incorporated and has a capital stock of \$25,000. The intention is to complete the line during the present year.

The present plan of street lighting, by no lamps suspended at street intersections, was adopted in 1887. The service now is day lights, at an annual expense of \$2,000.

Two telephone exchanges, the Central Union and Belvidere, using four hundred phones, give Belvidere plenty of chance to talk.

The volunteer fire department, which has always rendered the best service possible under existing conditions, was suppressed during the war by a paid department, with horses and wagons and a complete equipment.

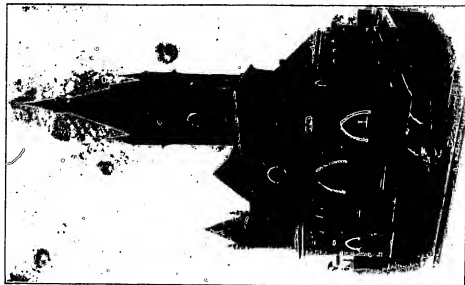
Free postal delivery was commenced April 1. Belvidere being the only city in the state this year securing the privilege. (The desirable result of this concession by the postoffice department is the proper maintaining of every building, it being made compulsory.



WATER WORKS IN BELVIDERE.  
BUILT BY JAMES C. WATSON.



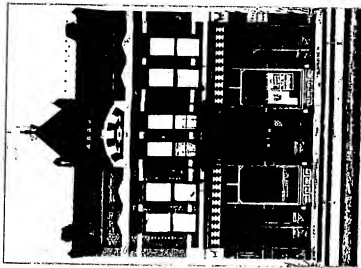
REV. J. A. FIERLE.



SOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH.

Belvidere is noted among other things for the unusually high character of its people. It represents the most valued elements of other communities, and is an illustration of advancement under the refining influences of the best social and intellectual life.

To the business men of Belvidere must be accredited, in the main, the advancement of the city. They were quick to apprehend the situation and improve it, their hearty cooperation in all projects looking to the forwarding of the city's interests made them possible of realization. With general prosperity came more means of handling trade. New buildings for store purposes equipped with all desirable conveniences, and filled with more extensive and varied stocks.



THE CITY HALL AND POST OFFICE.



VIEW OF MILK CONDENSING FACTORY FROM RAILROAD BRIDGE.

FROM BEAUVILLE.

adapted to the improved demand, have replaced nearly all the other inferior structures of a sound construction, and transacting a large business, the merchants of Beauville are keeping the pace of these preparations.

The advantages offered to foreigners are in many respects exceptional. Beauville is a healthy city, capable of affording every facility, the desirability of the city for residence—combine to present attractions that should lead to numerous accessions.

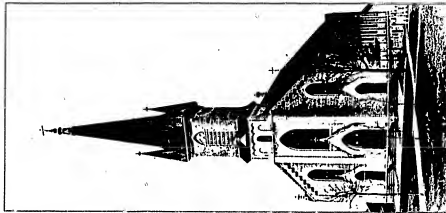
In no other city of its size are greater generosity or more perfect union, with reference to the undertaking of public or industrial enterprises, exhibited by its business men and capitalists.

With a purpose to extend the hand of fellowship to incoming citizens to promote and foster every worthy enterprise and to carry forward the extensive system of public improvements already well inaugurated—Beauville confidently offers inducements superior to those of any other among the smaller cities of the west.

What has been said with regard to the progress of and inducements held out by Beauville is not by any means in the line of exaggeration. Its business, commercial, and industrial facilities and resources are in evidence, and substantiate the statements made. With many of the belongings of a metropolitan existence—among them a perfect water supply, telephone exchanges, electric and gas lighting

and heating, and in the immediate future a complete sewerage system, street railway, effective fire department service, street paving, and free postal delivery—the material comfort of its people will be well provided for, while its higher advantages will meet the requisition of every acquisition.

The "light-house of To-day," though dazzling and attractive, is yet but an

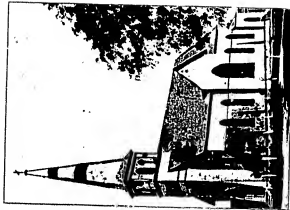
ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - BEAUVILLE.  
FROM BEAUVILLE.



## BELVIDERE ILLUSTRATED.

the two latter having a daily energy of 1,400,000 gallons each. The standpipe located on the Mount, half a mile from the station, has a capacity of 12,000 gallons, and its top is 38 1/2 feet above datum. The diameter is 4, 6, 8 and 10 inches in diameter. A second standpipe is being erected.

The ordinary fire capacity is 60 to 70 pounds, but for 600,000 pounds, although in the latter instance frequently exceeding this register. The capacity of the well is about 700,000 gallons each twenty-four hours. The largest amount consumed in any one day was during the last summer, when it reached 401,000. In the month of August last 2916, 122 gallons were sent through the pumps. In January of this year the figure was 357,734. The strong gravity is



WATER TOWER, BELVIDERE, ILL.

about 200,000 gallons daily in summer, and 125,000 in winter.

Appropriations have been made for an additional water tower, with rooms, to be placed near the junction of Kent and Fifth streets, at an expense of \$8,000. This will have a capacity of 125,000 gallons, or nearly three times that of the present tower.

## CHURCHES OF BELVIDERE.

Among the inquiries of intending emigrants to the West, whose relations with church organizations in their Eastern homes were about to terminate, those regarding the religious privileges provided employment



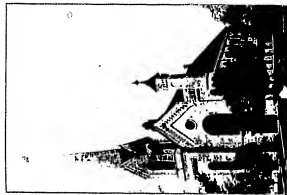
REV. B. S. WALKER.

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in the newer country had precedence.

Very early in the history of Belvidere could be traced the influence of the permanent population in the following years reports of increasing growth. With the increase of population all leading denominations found representation, and at the first opportunity houses of worship were erected. The humble structures originally serving as places of convocation were supplanted, as means accumulated, by elegant and costly edifices.

This may truthfully be termed a church-going people. Within the walls of its sanctuaries gathered the best representatives of the community and of its life. To the church of Belvidere, as of other communities, must be awarded the larger share



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BELVIDERE, ILL.

of credit for its moral and intellectual advancement. The few low sketches of the different organizations, so far as data has been available.

## METHODIST CHURCH.

Some time during the year 1855 the first Methodist preacher was heard in Belvidere. In 1856 the brick church on North Side was built. In 1857 twenty-four of the members of the First Church on the North Side withdrew and formed a Class on the South Side. Until 1876 regular preaching services were held in both churches. In that year the Rev. S. H. Atwell supplied the two societies. The same arrangement was continued



REV. R. S. WALKER.



under the pastorate of Rev. W. S. Harrington. In 1879 Rev. C. E. Barth was appointed to the First Church, and the Rev. G. C. Clark to the Church on the South side. The two churches were occupied until 1883 when the pastorate of Rev. S. H. Swartz the two societies united, and have so continued until the present. During the pastorate of Revs. Coates, Haglow and Swartz a new church edifice was planned and erected, and dedicated by the Rev. L. C. Coates of Chicago, Feb. 12, 1883. The church is a splendid modern building, seating in the main sanctuary 675, and with the lecture room 925. The church, purchased at \$25,000, and the parsonage are worth \$25,000. The membership has increased to 307, and the Sunday School has 250 names enrolled, with an average attendance of 250. For

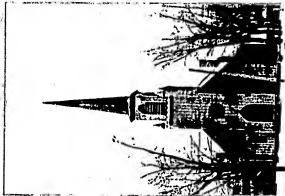


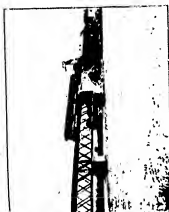
FIGURE: PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

ed edifice are so well equipped for worship. Its officers are: Rev. S. M. Merrill, D. D., resident pastor; Rev. F. A. Harlin, D. D., presiding elder; Rev. William Graves, pastor; Revs. W. D. Cornwell, J. C. Collier and N. Crane, local preachers; R. C. Fritz, superintendent of Sunday school; J. L. Clark, superintendent of North Side School; Trustees: J. W. Yarnall, W. D. Swartz, William M. Roberts, John C. Longacre, Richard Jarvis, John List, Thomas Connell, A. C. Fessett and L. H. Fack; stewards: A. W. Swift, George M. Marshall, J. W. Sharp, George Hill, Frank Snow, W. M. Sawyer, John L. Collier, W. Dawson, R. C. Fritz, John Fair, Garrett Sawyer, Levi



REV. G. A. FESSETT.

R. Fitter, George B. Frye. The Ladies Aid Society, the Woman's Foreign and Home Missions Societies are active in both home and outside benevolent work. The Men's League, organized about two years ago, is also a very helpful agency in church work amongst men.



LAUGHT IN A ROW AT THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH.

—BY W. H. COLEMAN.

Mrs. Mary Gardner, Aaron H. Hillings, David Campbell, Channing Bristol, Mrs. Louisa Hillings, Mr. Mary C. Doherty, Mrs. Maria L. Fisk, Mrs. Juliet Gilman, Mrs. John H. Hild, Mrs. Helena McElrath, Mrs. Nancy Hale, Mrs. Ruth Cunningham, Mrs. Louisa May, Miss Abeline E. Sheldon, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. John Merrill officiated on this occasion. Ezra May and Austin Gardner were elected ruling elders. In 1829 the church began worship in a public hall, which

was occupied for three years. In 1842 the first church edifice of this society, which was the first building in this county used exclusively for church purposes, was erected. In 1857 this was replaced by what is now the main part of the present edifice, at a cost of \$15,000. In 1860 this was remodelled, at an expense of \$10,000. Present value, including parsonage, \$25,000. The following have been pastors of the church: Revs. Royal Nathaniel Wright, Charles Fanning, Elmer T. Ball, Henry B. Holmes, Curtis, Matthew F. Howie, John H. Windsor, John Clark Hill and George B. Pierce, the present pastor. The elders now serving are: Eli Foote, Henry W. Avery, Daniel E. Foote, Martin C. Bentley, Henry A. Smith, Edwin W. Warren, Frederic S. Dinkels, David D. Salter and J. C. Zarnes. The board of trustees is as follows: E. M. Chestnut, Elmer J. C. Williams, J. H. Balliet, Joseph E. Tripp, Willard T. Longcor, John C. Foote, George T.



A PLETHA - ONE OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCHES.

—BY W. H. COLEMAN.







# THE NATIONAL SEWING MACHINE COMPANY.

HISTORY OF THIS GREAT INDUSTRY FROM ITS INCEPTION TO THE PRESENT TIME.  
THE PRIDE OF BELVIDERE AND THE PALLADIUM OF HER INDUSTRIAL FUTURE.

A veritable colossus of industrial extent and import, of evidence and influence in the commercial world, the great National Sewing Machine Manufactory of Belvidere stands to-day a living monument to tireless energy, perfect organization, shrewd management, unerring judgment and the keenest business sagacity; and all

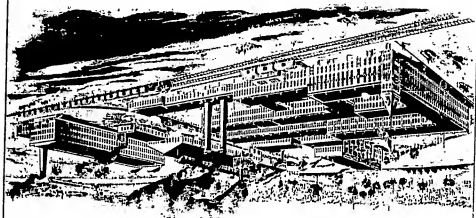


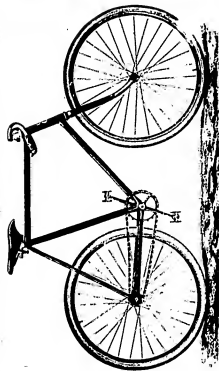
R. H. HARGRAVE,  
PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL SEWING MACHINE COMPANY.  
PHOTO BY J. M. HINE.

this, more than from any other circumstance or cause, to the earnest, conscientious effort and determination of one man, dominated by that unquenchable "I will" spirit that knows no terrors, that comprehends no such word as fail; that same persevering faith that has made Chicago today the wonder and admiration of two hemispheres, and within the past few decades caused the hills and plains of this homeless western country to "blossom like the rose," a veritable triumph of the human mind and the unaided resources of man.

And the influence of past success and the magnitude of present achievement speak louder than can words for the reputation of the National Sewing Machine Company in this industry we recognize the security of our city's future prosperity and im-

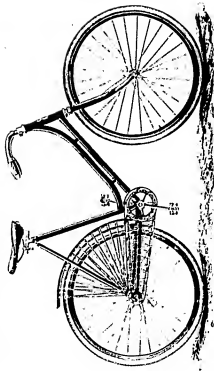
THE MANUFACTORY FACTORY AND PLANT OF THE NATIONAL SEWING MACHINE CO.



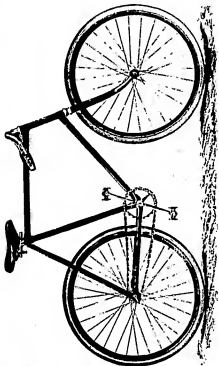


THE BEAUVIERE.  
THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

portance as a manufacturing center. That its record of past accomplishments presages still greater work and consequent increased emoluments, none can doubt who are even in a small measure conversant with the history of the concern. Small wonder then that the "sun cities" of Beauvriere point with pride—a justifiable pride—to this immense industrial institution, which furnishes supply, erect and a means of export for over fifty per cent. of the products of the world. It is at the present time, with its skilled laborers, of which we shall speak later on, the largest and most completely equipped bicycle plant in the United States, as well as the second largest of any size and have factory in the world.

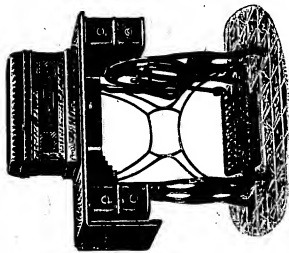


LADY BEAUVIERE.  
THE NATIONAL WOMAN'S TRADING LARGEST BICYCLE.



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SUBSTITUTED THEIR CLAIMS.  
The success of this enterprise has been particularly gratifying to the citizens of Beauvriere, because they have long believed that this city possessed advantages which should make it one of the leading manufacturing centers of the state and the west, and can now present convincing and conclusive evidence in support of



THE BEAUVIERE, A STEAM MACHINE.

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their claims. They also find a large measure of satisfaction in the fact that an enterprise which in Chicago was conducted with indifferent success has been phenomenally successful in Belvidere. This fact alone ought to encourage other manufacturers to locate here.

The history of the building up of this establishment is one of more than ordinary interest, because it is the history of the building up of a new industry in competition with those controlled by old, wealthy and powerful corporations. It



DAVID PATTON,  
SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL SEWING MACHINE CO.  
PHOTO BY JACK A. JOYE

is the history of determined, persistent and unswerving effort on the part of its chief promoters, when they were beset by difficulties which at times seemed to be insurmountable and practically beyond solution.

## THE JUNE MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

Summarizing this history it may be said that something like a dozen years since Frank T. June was at the head of a company, engaged in a small way in manufacturing in Chicago, at the corner of La Salle and Ontario streets, the old Singer sewing machine, patents on which had expired, and the Jennie June, a machine developed by the president of the company, The June Manufacturing

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Company was the name by which the concern was known at the time. It labored under the difficulty of not being able to turn out a machine satisfactory to the public and was engaged in a losing battle in the same line. About the same time Ismael Eldredge, also of Chicago, a man of large means, in the clothing and sale of improved sewing machines, was endeavoring to break into the market a machine which, while it was not entirely his own invention, had been developed under his direction and bore his name. This was a superior kind of machine in which the old manufacturers having a monopoly of the trade recognized a dangerous competitor. Not having the means to manufacture this machine on his own account, Mr. Eldredge was contracting the manufacture to eastern parties,



VIEW IN PRIVATE OFFICE OF MR. ELDRIDGE,  
PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL SEWING MACHINE CO.  
PHOTO BY JACK A. JOYE.

being continually disappointed and hampered in his operations by reason of not being able to successfully compete with the construction of his machine, Mr. Eldredge went to Mr. June and entered into an agreement to have the machine made by the latter, on salaries, in Chicago. This agreement was not without effect for some time, and then Mr. Eldredge proposed a consolidation of interests, which was accomplished and went into effect in the early part of 1885. They were badly started under the new regime when the labor troubles of that year, culminating in the anarchist riots, involved them in a controversy with their employees and closed their factory.

## THE PLANT REMOVED TO BELVIDERE.

This forced upon them the consideration of a new problem, and for a time they were at sea as to what course they should pursue. It was at this juncture that a suggestion came to them that they should remove their plant to Belvidere,

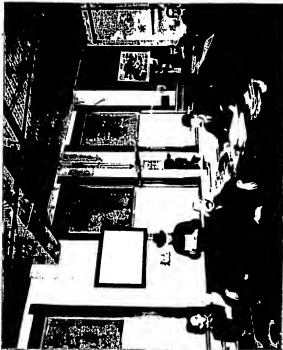




the most persistent and brilliant in the history of the company. Up to the present time the factory has been meeting here, amounts, in round numbers, to over 600,000 sewing machines, and the fact that the work evidence of the general prosperity of the enterprise is found in the fact that the stock of the company now commands a premium of more than one hundred per cent.

#### A WINNING POLICY.

From the moment almost that Mr. Eldredge assumed the management of the factory and was left undisturbed to follow his ideas as to how the affairs of such a concern should be conducted to attain the best results, the business received im-



OFFICE OF E. E. MANNING,  
MANAGER OF SEWING, DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL SEWING MACHINE CO.

PHOTO BY L. L. LARK, 2 JEFF.

mediately a decided impetus, and so rapidly increased as to surprise even the officers of the company, who, while sanguine of ultimate success, hardly looked so soon for such a positive and favorable response to the new policy of the management. This new policy was broad and comprehensive in the fullest sense of the term—a reaching out for new business far and near, and introducing of goods into territory which formerly the Company had been unable to reach through force of circumstances. Energy and "push," together of fullest confidence in the quality and excellence of goods manufactured, strict attention to detail, and an absolute fairness in dealing with customers, small and great, soon turned the tide in favor of the company, and Mr. Eldredge soon saw the fruits of his years of labor and planning. Every morning he was up at five o'clock, and every evening he was in filling the multitudinous orders that poured in. By degrees the plant was enlarged to accommodate the rapidly growing trade, and from 125 employees in

1888 the force had increased to nearly 700 in 1894, while the capacity of the works had grown to the extent of 75,000 machines annually.

#### THE NATIONAL'S PROUD FAME.

Such excellent and universal satisfaction did the National sewing machines give that wherever they were sold came repeated demands for more. The very name of the Company on any machine was sufficient guarantee of its superiority, and the general public was not slow to recognize this fact. This is none the less true to-day. It is, however, but the just reward of genius, perseverance and enterprise and now, at home and abroad, no sewing machine company in the world



DIRECTORS' ROOM,  
NATIONAL SEWING MACHINE CO.

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has a more enviable reputation or a prouder fame than the National, both for the quality of its product and its manner of doing business, nor does the name of any man engaged in the manufacture of sewing machines stand out more prominently or command greater respect than that of Herman Eldredge.

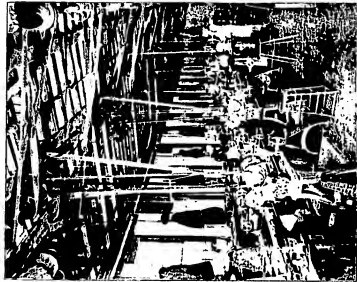
#### DIFFERENT MACHINES MADE.

At the present time the company is manufacturing the Eldredge, the Belvidere, the Jaywood, the Grand, the Seamstress, and an automatic chainstitch machine, all different in construction, while they also manufacture machines for other institutions. As Mr. Eldredge often expresses it: "We make these machines from the 'pig-iron up' and a visit to their enormous plant will convince the most skeptical of the truth of this assertion. As to the style, grade and finish of their machines and the superb cabinet work, hundreds of thousands of housekeepers in

this and other lands will testify to the truth of the Company's claim that their line is unequalled.

#### MAKE THEIR OWN ATTACHMENTS.

Another feature about the National that no other factory can boast of is that it is the only concern of its kind in the world making its own attachments. These attachments are the inventions of Frank L. Goodrich, who at the present time is connected with the Company in the capacity of purchasing agent. They are cov-



A Glimpse of the Tool Room Western Aisle.

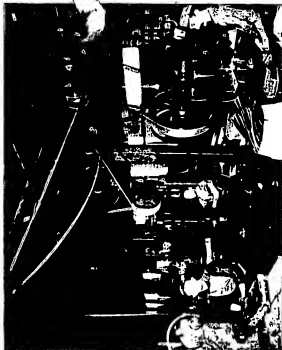
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TO THE ST. LOUIS, MO. EXHIBITION

ered by twelve patents, and are universally acknowledged to be the most ingenious, most complete and most satisfactory set of attachments used in connection with any sewing machine made—the delight of the seamstress and the pride of the manufacturer. Mr. Goodrich had an exhibit of his attachments at the World's Fair, and was awarded the first and only prize given—a handsome gold medal—for the best and most complete up-to-date sewing machine attachments shown. He also received from the Board of Lady Managers a diploma of honorary mention, given to those only who were instrumental in directing the exhibits of sewers. These honors were very gratifying to Mr. Goodrich, as well as to the Company, as the recognition of the superiority of the attachments used on their

machines gave them a prestige and standing possessed by no other sewing machine concern.

#### WORLD'S FAIR HONORS.

Mr. Goodrich's attachments were 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.



SECTION OF NATIONAL SEWING MACHINE CO. PRESS ROOM.

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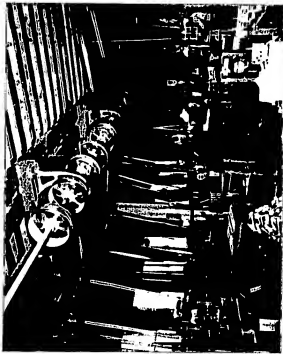
sewing machine company in the world. Thus it will be seen that the Company's experience at the World's Fair was but the logical sequence of the truth that genuine merit in sewing machines, as well as in human character, wins every time. It was the climax to the verdict of superiority which the public had for years bestowed upon their machines.

#### THE BICYCLE PLANT.

DESCRIPTION OF THIS GREAT BRANCH OF THE INDUSTRY IN ALL ITS BEARINGS.

And not alone does the National Company manufacture sewing machines. It has in the short space of a year and a half grown to be one of the greatest, if not the greatest, bicycle manufacturers in the country. So markedly successful were the National sewing machines in the markets of the world, in competition with other makes, that the company conceived the idea in the early spring of 1894

of engaging in the manufacture of bicycles, and forthwith "kicked their engine" into the ring." They commenced work in this department in a small way May 1st of the same year. Their one idea in this connection was that if they manufactured bicycles to any extent the wheel that they should make would be as near the acme of perfection, from a mechanical standpoint, as it were possible to make; a wheel "made upon honor" in every sense of the word: a wheel that with a single haul should take rank with any bicycle made, no matter by whom. To start with, the incomparable reputation achieved by the Company in the manufacture of sewing machines gave them an advantageous position in the business world enjoyed by comparatively few of the wheel-making firms, and it was therefore but natural



EAST END OF MILLING AND DRILLING DEPARTMENT.

SEE 10 BY 10 FEET, A 100.

that any bicycle bearing their name should be looked upon with favor by both the big dealer and the public. The first bicycles manufactured by them were so cordially received that they concluded to at once commence their manufacture on a large scale, and in August, 1894, purchased the plant of the Prospero Bicycle Manufacturing Company, and removed it to Belvidere, converting the three-story brick building just east of their factory. They commenced at once to turn out bicycles in earnest. These wheels sold like hot cakes, and the success of this new enterprise was assured from the very first. So rapidly did the business grow that it became necessary within a comparatively short time to increase the number of plants in this department from 25 to 100, new machinery was added, and yet the company could not keep up with the orders, which fairly rained in. The Belvidere wheel seemed to be just what the public had been long waiting for: it met the popular taste. The superior quality of material used in the construction of these

wheels, the graceful, limberlike lines upon which they were built, the elegance of finish, their ensouling qualities, strength and durability, all combined to make them in immediate and great demand, and it was but a brief space of time before other bicycle manufacturers and cyclists in general all over the country, became aware of the fact that "we make wheels, too."

#### POINTS OF STRENGTH.

The three cardinal points of strength that the public immediately recognized in the Belvidere wheels were their beauty, strong construction and smooth running nature—a most happy combination of the practical and essential features to be taken into consideration in wheelbuilding and in the selection of a wheel.



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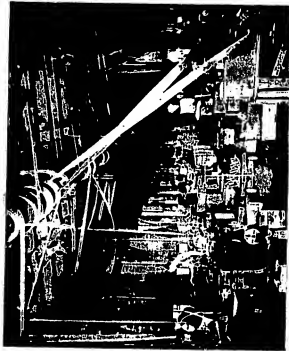
#### FIRST YEARS BUSINESS.

During the year just past—the season of '95—the Company manufactured and sold 10,000 wheels, a phenomenal record and one never equaled by any bicycle manufacturing concern in its first year's history. They could as easily have sold ten times as many if they had had the facilities for making them. This has been the subject of much favorable comment in the cycling world and in journals devoted to the interest of wheelmen. The leading newspapers of Chicago and the west have also frequently made complimentary mention of this fact. Certainly for an "infant" it is a great record, and one to which even the oldest wheel-building establishment might point with pride. And the most gratifying feature of the whole matter is that the wheels have given entire satisfaction; no first year wheel was ever so enthusiastically received. Dealers who handled the Belvidere

which last season will be the heaviest buyers in '96, which is the best criterion of its popularity with the masses.

#### COMPELLED TO ENLARGE.

It became evident to Mr. Ellridge in the early part of the past summer that the planters then occupied by the bicycle plant would be altogether inadequate to accommodate the rapidly growing business and the still greater increase which was bound to come. Preparations were at once commenced for the erection of a mammoth three-story building fronting on State street, with wings at each end connecting with the old building (as shown in the accompanying illustration), to be used in the main for the manufacturing of bicycles. This would give them 100,000 al-



SOUTH QUARTER OF THE LATHIE ROOM.

NATIONAL SEWING MACHINE CO.  
BUILT BY JAMES J. SMITH

ditional square feet of floor space and enlarge their producing capacity to 60,000 bicycles per year, if run they year round.

#### SOME UNWRITTEN HISTORY.

In this connection it might be stated that plans for a building about one-half the size than those mentioned were drawn up three years ago, the Company at that time intending to build in anticipation of still further enlarging their sewing machine business. It was then more room for manufacturing purposes, which was even then badly needed. However, a combination of things just at that period arose which put a damper on the building project. These things checked the plans of the Company in that direction. The decision of Governor Cleveland to appoint and the return of the democrats to power filled Mr. Ellridge's mind with the idea, as it did that of every great manufacturer in the country; the attitude of the party on the

tariff question being responsible for this. Mr. Ellridge foresees what afterwards happened, and he still anticipates the same. He foresees that the democratic party will have with it the masses of the country, and he anticipates the coming of government; their infamous threats at the industries of the United States through the Wilson tariff bill; the subsequent terrible financial panic, business depression and closing down of manufacturing plants throughout the land. This Mr. Ellridge knew would affect the National Sewing Machine Company of Bellevue in like proportion with every industry in the country, and consequently wisely concluded not to build "until the clouds rolled by." With the great republican victories of 1894 and the positive assurance they gave of the grand old party's re-



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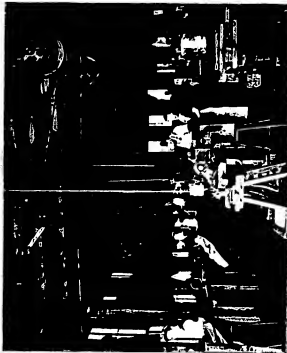
turn to power in 1896 came reinforcing confidence. The business began brightened and the outlook in the country was much brighter. The Company, therefore, coupled with the remarkable success scored by the Company in less than a year in the manufacture of bicycles, crystallized the plan for building and on April 1st of last year ground was broken and work commenced on the great structure of which we have previously spoken. It took a small army of men seven months to complete it.

#### THE NEW ADDITION.

This building is immense and imposing, three stories in height and has a frontage on State street of 200 feet. The south wing faces Midway street, while the north wing looks upon the placid bosom of the Milwaukee river. At the street corner rises a handsome tower from which floats a large flag of the national colors. In the construction of this building over 4,000,000 brick were

## BELVIDERE ILLUSTRATED.

used. The front is of select cream-colored brick, manufactured in Belvidere at the brick yards of R. C. Fritz. The remaining walls, which are of red brick, and the smokestacks are built of brick manufactured at Danville. In size this assembly plant to the factory is equal to a one-story building 2,300x40 feet. Something of its magnitude may be gained from this comparison. In it are the private offices of its officials and superintendent, the main office, tool room, polishing room, shipping room, the great bicycle-assembly room, 20x80 feet (the largest in the country), store and stock rooms and other departments. Everything about the building, even to the most minute detail, is arranged with an eye to convenience and to best answer the purpose intended.



NORTH WEST QUARTER OF SEWING MACHINE ASSEMBLING ROOM.

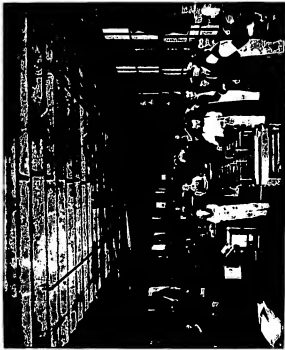
VIEW FROM EAST END, LOOKING WEST.

## THE OFFICES.

The private office of the officials of the Company, with the exception of Secretary Patton's, are in the tower, and are made of elegance and convenience arranged in keeping with the magnitude and importance of such a vast establishment. They are spacious, well lighted and well apart from the general noise and confusion, giving the officers a privacy in the execution of the multifarious duties that herebefore they have not enjoyed. The floors in these offices are of hard wood with purplish borders, a fancy design of inlaid wood of different colors; the remainder of the woodwork is of quarter-sawn polished oak; the walls are a light color and stippled; the ceilings are finished in three-quarter design. Each office has an elaborate mantel and a tile fireplace. The walls are adorned with handsome pictures and beautiful rings cover the floor. Electricity and gas

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for illuminating, hot water for heating purposes, and speaking tubes connecting with the floor below and still further to the housekeepers' and convenience of the apartments. President B. Edmunde's office occupies the southeast corner, being on State and Monitor streets and connecting with it on the east are the offices of Vice-President E. P. Edmunde and F. L. Goodrich in the order named. On the first entrance to these offices are Superintendent Brown's headquarters and the office of the chief clerk. The offices are arranged so that the convenience of the superintendent and his assistants. A hallway on the right side of the building leads to the main office on the north. This is an immense room to be used for finished office purposes and faces to the west on State street. Its dimensions



VIEW IN WEST HALF OF SEWING MACHINE ASSEMBLING DEPARTMENT.

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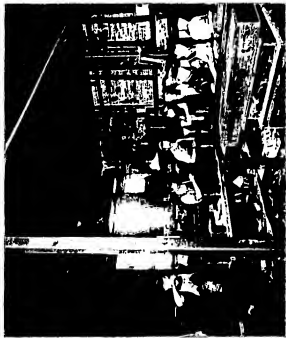
are 40x60 feet and there is no question but that it is one of the most finely appointed in the country. Bottle standing desks, and other appointments that need files, and the chairs of the clerical force, are used in this department. It is splendidly lighted and heated and illustrates the same as the private offices. Off from this room to the right is a large hall of great stability is significantly suggestive of the Company's solidity and inviolability in the commercial world. On the south side of the room is a long stationery desk used by the cashier, at the west end of which is the private office of Secretary Patton. All the furniture, desks, etc., are of quarter-sawn oak, finely made and elegantly finished. In connection are toilet rooms for both ladies and gentlemen, modern in every particular and faultlessly appointed. In this main office forty persons are employed in various clerical capacities.

## WHO THE BUILDERS WERE.

George H. Bradley & Son, of Rockford, were the architects of this, greatest addition to the plant of the National Sewing Machine Company.

John Alexander, of Rockford, had the contract for the mason work, and the building itself is the best evidence of the thoroughness with which he superintended its erection. Every line, every inch from the foundation up, bespeaks the careful eye of an able, experienced contractor and the workmanship of men skilled in their vocation.

The contract for the carpenter work was intrusted to the hands (and head) of Fred H. Dixon, of Belvidere, and it is doubtful if another man could have been



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PHOTO BY CLARK A. SMITH

second, far or near, who would have given such excellent and complete satisfaction as did Mr. Dixon.

## WHEEL CURRENT FOR '96.

With the erection of this new building and the application of 130,000 additional square feet of floor space, the capacity for bicycle making in the concern is increased at least 500 per cent, which in all probability will be sufficient to meet any demands made upon the Company for several years to come, at least. For the season of '96 the Company has orders looked for 33,000 bicycles, to be made and delivered between November 1, 1895, and July 1, 1896. This is not an estimate of the number of wheels that will be made at the factory this season, but the *normal number* that have already been ordered. Not a half dozen other manufacturers in the United States will turn out as many wheels as that in '96.

It is further probable that the Company will close the season for manufacturing wheels on July 1. On the contrary, it is altogether likely that between that time and the first of the following November they will manufacture an additional 10,000 bicycles, increasing the total output for '96 to 43,000—more wheels than any other bicycle manufacturing concern ever dared to dream of turning out in its second year. The demand for the Belvidere wheel from all parts of the United States speaks louder for its merit and superiority than any effusive words of praise that we might here bestow upon it. The public is not slow to recognize a good thing; the success of the Belvidere wheel was instantaneous with its appearance in the market, and the Company is bound to turn away orders for thousands about thousands of bicycles, and that the first year.



SOUTH EAST PORTION OF FLOORING: DEPARTMENT.

NATIONAL SEWING MACHINE CO.  
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## THE MACHINERY USED.

The plant of the National Sewing Machine Company includes the finest line of machinery; tools, patterns, jigs, and that sort of thing which every manufacturer possesses the best practical features known to modern manufacture. They employ constantly a board of mechanical experts for devising improvements, and maintain a rigid inspection of every part of their sewing machines and bicycles, subjecting them to the severest tests before shipment.

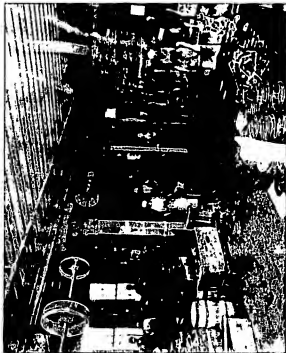
## POINTS OF CONSTRUCTION.

As to the construction of the wheels made by the company we quote from their handsomely printed and illustrated catalogue as follows:

"A successful experience of over twenty-five years in manufacturing the family sewing machines has taught us the best material to use for any particular

purpose, and the most successful manner in which to work it. The capability of our factory is very great, and no difficulty will be experienced in building anything in the general manufacturing line, be it sorting machinery, fire arms, type writers or high grade bicycles. Is it not reasonable to suppose that a concern which has been successful in one line of manufacturing that requires very close and accurate work will be able to succeed as well in another that requires the same labor, the same machinery, and the same close attention to mechanical details?

..In building our bicycles we have carefully avoided the general tendency to compromise the vital features of practical construction in order to enter to some



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fact. We have, however, embodied all the latest improvements and have followed fashion to the extent of giving latest designs in frames, light weights, narrow trial and large size tubing. Do not be deceived by manufacturers that pretend to have secret processes for treating their materials, and who, therefore, claim to produce superior results. It is no secret process, however, no special processes, and our factory is always open to all who wish to see the machinery. If we wish to handle a piece of steel we buy the best the market affords, heat it red hot, and cool it in either water or oil, as the case may require.

..The art of bicycle building has been perverted with altogether too much mystery; there is nothing about what building but what is straight, plain work that any first class mechanic is capable of performing successfully if he is provided with a rigid, work and material. We have the mechanics, tools, including finest machinery, complete sets of special gauges, etc., and material as well as the

ability and desire to do the very best class of work possible; hence, our bicycles are strictly high-grade in every particular.

The above frank and straightforward statement of the manner in which their wheels are made is characteristic of the Company's manner of doing business, and it is this one thing as much as any other that has augmented their success and is responsible for the proud position which the industry today occupies in Belvidere and the world at large.

#### STYLES OF WHEELS MADE.

In the plant of the National Sewing Machine Company are manufactured the now famous "Belvidere" and "Edenridge" bicycles in fifty different styles and



FUNCTION OF THE PLATING DEPARTMENT.

A TYPICAL PLATING DEPARTMENT.  
FROM BELVIDERE, ILL.

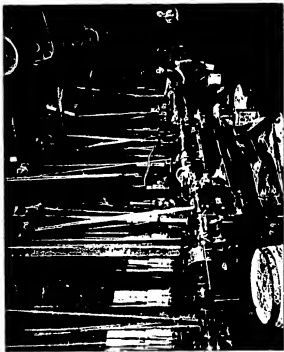
varying weights. These wheels are now being turned out at the rate of 250 per day; and in point of durability, style and finish—the *total ensemble*—are the equal of, if not superior to, any wheel on the market today. This is not an idle boast; it is a simple fact that is being substantiated every day. The wheels are made of a single piece of steel, and are finished with a beautiful wheel, an honest wheel, *de la terre* wheel in every particular—it looks that all.

For the manufacture of bicycle parts over \$100,000 worth of new automobile machinery has just been added to the plant. This is all of the latest and most approved patterns, and turns out the most delicate parts with an accuracy and speed that is simply marvellous. The *entire operation* of this machinery is wonderful, and these quickly running combinations of wheels and drills and cutting tools, as they produce the finished product, seem possessed of almost human intelligence.

## THE PLANT IN GENERAL.

## A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE AUXILIARY FEATURES OF THE FACTORY.

The plant of the National Sewing Machine Company is composed of thirteen different buildings, covering eight acres, with six acres of floor space, amounting to nearly 250,000 square feet. These buildings, while used for separate and distinct purposes, are in reality one great building, joined together for convenience sake. Altogether they comprise a manufacturing plant of unusual size and height. Knowledge of the machinery of the plant has been gained from this one-story building. Aside from the large building just completed the Company erected another



THE AUTOMATIC SCREW MACHINES.

Wonders of modern invention. In this room over seventy in operation.

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structure on the ground is 124x75 feet and two stories in height, to which the Japan and standard department were transferred as soon as it was finished. In addition to this a new boiler house has just been built and several new boilers also put in. In round numbers the total cost of building improvements made last year will be fully \$100,000.

## NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.

The working force now numbers over 1,200. In this connection is a noteworthy fact; the average pay of these men is greater than that received by any other manufacturing concern in the state of Illinois, which assertion can be proven by referring to statistics bearing upon this point, and explains in a measure why the Company each week receives hundreds of applications from men desirous of obtaining work in the factory.

So closely interwoven are the two branches of manufacture in this establishment that it is scarcely possible to give an idea of the number of men employed respectively on sewing machine and bicycle work, from the fact that, in nearly every department the same men are engaged on both kinds of work.

## HARD TIMES NOT FELT.

The best evidence of the prosperous condition of the Company's affairs, and the indubitable wisdom of Mr. Ellsberg's business policy at all times and under all circumstances is to be had from the fact that during the business depression and financial panic of '92 and '94, when on every hand were failures, and industries



WEST END OF AUTOMATIC SCREW ROOM.

NATIONAL SEWING MACHINE CO.  
PHOTO BY LEAH A. BOLT.

slutting down, and hard times, the National Sewing Machine factory continued to do business at the old stand, with no interruption worth mentioning, and furnished employment for 600 men. While all around us was suffering and hardships such as the people of this country never before knew or were ever called upon to endure, Belvidere was in the midst of peace and plenty and scarcely felt the effects of the hard times. This enviable state of affairs was directly due to the healthy condition of the company's business and the wise judgment of the men at its head in a time when the present gave no certainty and the future bore no confident promise. Had the factory been compelled to shut down during those never to be forgotten hard times Belvidere would have received a touch of the then prevalent "depression" that it would never have forgotten, but which, let us be thankful a thousand times over to the success of our chief industry, it was spared.



## WHO OWNS THE STOCK.

The stock of this vast machine is all owned by persons in Belvidere. About 75 per cent is held by B. Ellender, Mr. B. Ellender, F. P. Ellender and Mrs. F. P. Ellender. The remaining 25 per cent is held by parties connected with the factory and outside prominent citizens. Just what amount the stock commands it is hard to state, but it is fully or even more than 100 per cent. The quickest and perhaps the surest way of finding out is to approach a stockholder and attempt to purchase a small block. The company is capitalized at £1,000,000, with £250,000 paid in, and a working capital of £1,000,000.



SECTION OF THE MILL PORTNEY.

LOOKING EAST, 1907.

## FIRE PROTECTION.

The factory is furnished with an elaborate and complete system of fire protection. It is equipped throughout with the Grinnell Automatic Fire Sprinkler system—an arrangement of pipes overhead with a sprinkler every ten feet in each direction, so constructed that should a fire start in any part of the building, as soon as the heat reaches 125 degrees it melts certain parts and sets the sprinklers thus affected by the heat to working automatically, discharging out the blaze in short time. An automatic system of fire protection is also in place, which is made up of a network of pipes from the city, which can be opened at any place with valves, water pipes, hose and all other fire-fighting paraphernalia that could be called into requisition in a brief space of time if necessary. This fire protection system is

under the management of the Superintendent of the Waterworks, F. E. Spencer. The factory also has its own fire company drilled and in readiness to fight any flames that may chance to break loose. So well supplied are the grounds with hydrants that it would hardly be possible in any of the buildings to get 150 feet distant from one. Nothing short of a universal spontaneous combustion or an instantaneous conflagration in every part of the plant at once could ever destroy it, so perfectly is it protected from fire.

## FINELY ILLUMINATED.

The factory is splendidly lighted by both gas and electricity. The former is furnished by the Belvidere Gas Company, and 30,000 feet per day is used for



AT WORK IN THE SEWING MACHINE SHIPPING DEPARTMENT.

LOOKING WEST, 1907.

illuminating and for purposes where great heat is required, such as brazing hinges, frames and heating the remaining ovens. The company operates its own electric light plant, also a gas plant of its own, and uses both gas and incandescent light, gas making altogether one of the most brilliantly illuminated manufacturing plants in the world. The factory, aside from the offices, is heated by a system of steam pipes, and as a result of this the workmen are kept in the warmest of places, and as a consequence it is the healthiest, even in the coldest weather, making it a comfortable and most desirable place in which to work.

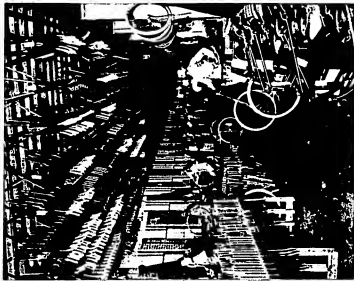
Two large steam elevators are kept constantly busy in the new building.

## TELEPHONE SERVICE, ETC.

Another great convenience of the factory is that the various departments are connected by telephone. It is also supplied by the local telephone exchange and a

long-distance telephone runs into the main office, so that Mr. Elmslee can as easily talk with New York as with Chicago.

A private wire from the Western Union Telegraph Company runs into the main office and here all the company's messages are received and transmitted by their own special operator. In the bicycle season this is a very important point.



A GLIMPSE INTO THE MAMMOTH DEPARTMENT WHERE BICYCLES ARE ASSEMBLED.

STANDARD CYCLES, CHICAGO, ILL.

PHOTO BY CLARA A. WIFE.

for that two dozen or more messages are received daily on matters pertaining to the business and requiring immediate attention.

The company has absolutely left nothing undone that will in any way facilitate the transaction of business and tend to give the greatest satisfaction all around.

Some idea of the amount of business which is annually transacted in the establishment may be gleaned from the fact that it now pays Uncle Sam over \$6,000 per year through the Belvidere postoffice for stamps and other postal supplies — one-half the entire revenue of the office.

#### AS TO ADVERTISING.

The citizens of Belvidere may not realize the fact, but this is one of the best and most thoroughly advertised cities in the United States today. For the past nine years the company has been sending out circulars, pamphlets and catalogues to individuals and firms in every city, town, hamlet and crossroads in this broad land of ours, not only once, but time and again — a constant stream of advertising matter going out incessantly, making their business more extensively known, winning thousands of new customers and at the same time spreading the fame of Belvidere. In addition to this they advertise at the present time in no less than 1,200 journals of greater or less importance, from the *2-X* sheet in the walls of Texas to



A SECTION OF THE BICYCLE ASSEMBLING DEPARTMENT.

STANDARD CYCLES, CHICAGO, ILL.

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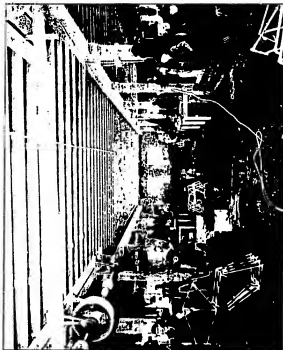
the great metropolitan dailies, including an intermediate list of scores of trade journals and magazines. This liberal and extensive system of advertising the company has not poured its profits, they are kept carefully at it, and are still going on. "We are not content with advertising in the United States," says one who runs the rule. "The fact that today Belvidere is one of the most widely known little cities in the country, and this condition is directly due to the unending efforts of the National Sewing Machine Company. To see the beneficial effects we need not look beyond the confines of our own favored city; we need but to visit the factory and look around at the manifold evidences of prosperity within our borders.

The company has representatives and agents in nearly every town and city in the United States; and not alone in this country is their product known and used — in foreign lands thousands of their sewing machines especially are in use at the

present time. They employ, occasionally three travelling men to look after their interests.

#### SANITARY FEATURES.

The sanitary features of the factory are as near perfect as it is possible to secure in an establishment of this size. The drainage and ventilation are both excellent, the light is good and plenty of fresh air is always to be had. On every hand, from the tool room to the foundry, from the private offices to the engine room, are exemplified order, neatness and cleanliness in matters small and great. These points President Edwidge strenuously insists on being observed by the employees, and are qualities characteristic of the man. He believes in "looking



BICYCLE FRAME AND PAINT ROOM IN BICYCLE DEPARTMENT

NATURAL SERVICE, BIRMINGHAM  
LITHO IN U.S.A. 1917

after the little ones." A walk through the plant, which, by the way, consumes a full half day's toil unfold to the visitor one of the most systematic working factories in the world, and show with what religious zeal is the adage, "a place for everything and everything in its place," a creed to be the hundreds of employees.

#### DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS.

WHAT THEY ARE WHO IS THE FOREMAN OF EACH, AND HOW MANY MEN ARE EMPLOYED

To carry on the business of this factory it requires the cooperation of fifteen separate and distinct departments, as follows:

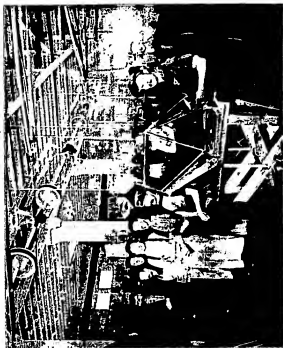
Department No. 1.—Tooling. Foreman, Charles H. Ingalls; employs 36 men.  
Department No. 2.—Drilling and Drilling. Foreman, Frank W. Crain; employs 128 men.

Department No. 3.—Shipping. E. E. Manning; foreman; employs 37 men.  
Department No. 4.—Folding. L. M. Buckner; foreman; employs 124 men.  
Department No. 5.—Painting. George H. Elliott; foreman; employs 28 men.  
Department No. 6.—Press and Stand. H. L. Daymond; foreman; employs 26 men.

Department No. 7.—Japan and Enamelling. R. H. Jukes; foreman; employs 97 men.

Department No. 8.—Sewing Machine Assembling. E. L. Barton; foreman; employs 86 men.

Department No. 9.—Screw. W. L. Carpenter; foreman; employs 106 men.



VIEW IN FRAME ROOM OF BICYCLE DEPARTMENT

NATURAL SERVICE, BIRMINGHAM  
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Department No. 10.—Stock and Inspection. G. W. Boole; foreman; employs 28 men.

Department No. 11.—Bicycle Assembly. Walter J. Adams; foreman; employs 83 men.

Department No. 12.—Attachment and Shackle. H. Walter Davis; foreman; employs 76 men.

Department No. 13.—Bicycle Frame. W. C. Wright; foreman; employs 123 men.

Department No. 14.—Foundry. W. H. Moore; superintendent; employs 110 men.

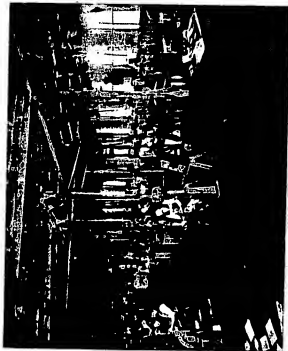
Department No. 15.—Chain and Pedal. Employers 39 men.

Department No. 16.—Bicycle Enamelling. A. H. Arthur; foreman; employs 100 men.

This makes a total of 1,328 men employed in these departments. Add to these the 40 office hands and it gives a total of 1,378 persons employed in this busy hive of industry—a city of itself.

#### IN CONCLUSION.

How, I much we would desire to give a detailed description of the technical workings of the numerous systems of manufacture in the different departments it is impossible for us to do now in this. A gently written-up "one thing; a comprehensive treatise quite another. To the general public the numerous evolutions through which the many intricate parts used in building sewing machines and bicycles go before coming out the finished product would enable the greatest



VIEW OF CHAIN AND PEVAL ROOM, BICYCLE DEPARTMENT.

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effort of even a "Philadelphia lawyer," nor yet a master mechanic. A visit to the plant will be productive of more knowledge in this direction than could ever be gleaned from any written description.

In this briefly speaking of the National Sewing Machine factory—its past history, its present condition and future prospects—we have adhered strictly to facts, believing that the statement of the Company's business and plant as it actually exists today were better absorbed than the glowing praise or wild exaggerations in the world; that it will better observe the "golden mean" and give the public a fair and solid in evaluation of this unimpaired enterprise. Transcending in all its history of the concern and terms of its mechanical, straightforward and thorough

manner of doing business the more is one inclined to become lost in enthusiastic admiration of its intricate fabric and workings, and in its completeness recognize the hand of genius, the distinctive impress of great genius and the certain evidence at every turn of a broad, comprehensive understanding.

Well may the people of Belvidere be proud of this grand industrial institution and keenly interested in its every interest. So long as from its towering walls they radiate the life-giving rays of progress and science to the rest of the world, so long will our fame throughout the world be known as a great manufacturing center, so long will it be the palladium of Belvidere's commercial success. May it



LOWER FLOOR OF BICYCLE FRAME EXAMING ROOM.

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shadow never grow less and may its conquests in the sewing machine and bicycle world never cease until "all roads lead to Belvidere."

During the year 1896 several large additions will be built. On May 1 work was begun on a new building which is to be 250 feet by 50 feet and two stories. This will be fireproof and will be used principally as a stock room. It will cost about \$20,000. Besides this a larger, three-story addition will be erected to the existing building. The Company has just completed a gas plant of its own and is about to build another brick engine house and put in another 400 horse power light, giving it engines of that size. This spring the factory has been running night and day in order for both sewing machines and bicycles. Verily, great is the National Sewing Machine Company.



Shortly before graduation he became connected with the slip-sticks of Stephens & Presley as bookkeeper, pursuing at the same time a course of study in a commercial college, from which he graduated.

On August 25, 1865, in Cleveland, Ohio, he married Mary A. Presley, daughter of the junior member of the firm by which he had been employed. They have one son, Franklin F. Eldredge, born January 26, 1867, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Shortly after his marriage Mr. Eldredge engaged in the hardware business in Cleveland as a member of the firm of Van Tassel & Eldredge. It was while engaged in this business that his attention was first attracted to the sewing machine.



HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr. & Mrs. Eldredge with their  
SIXTEEN MONTHS OLD CHILD.

PHOTO BY CLARK & SON.

trade. He had a brother in Detroit, Mich., who was engaged on an extensive scale in the sale of sewing machines, and in 1866 he became interested with the latter in this business. In 1869 he sold out his hardware business in Cleveland and moved to Detroit to become an active partner in the conduct and management of the sewing machine business. Their trade here extended over a large territory and was rapidly growing, and the business of the Domestic Sewing Machine Company, then being established in the west by Remond & Co. of Detroit until 1874, Mr. Eldredge then came to Chicago as the general manager of the Domestic Company, having under his control all the territory lying between the western line of Ohio and the Rocky Mountains, and all the Southern States. This position he retained until he turned his attention to the manufacture and sale of his own machine.

Something has already been said of the fierce opposition which he encountered in his attempt to introduce this machine into the market. The most vicious onslaughts were made on him, however, at the very outset of his career as a manufacturer. Infrequent suits were brought against him whenever a pretext could be obtained for doing so, and to defend against these suits involved great expense, and led to the serious emotional distress and the loss of his health, which he had made use of certain appliances of which rival concerns at once claimed the ownership and control. To establish the fact that their claims were invalid, Mr. Eldredge had to hunt the country over for evidence of the fact that their appliances had been in use before they were patented by the claimants. All over the United States he had agents examining old sewing machines and reporting to him the results of their investigations. In



RESIDENCE OF H. ELDREDGE.

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one instance he heard of a machine which he desired to produce in court, it being in the possession of parties who lived in Hamilton, Canada. The information proved to be incorrect, but from clues obtained in Hamilton he traced the machine to Rochester, New York, where he finally gained possession of it, used to his advantage, and won the case in the impending litigation. In another instance while defending a suit brought against him by the Singer Manufacturing Company, he heard of an old machine of which he wished to obtain possession, at Redwood, California. A telegram was sent to San Francisco, and a special agent went out to find it. It was found in a remote corner of the property and he got hold of it just in time to make it his own. He then introduced it into the Singer Company, with his machine he defeated the latter in the case on trial.

In this protracted and long continued contest Mr. Eldredge showed wonderful persistency, tenacity of purpose, and indomitable courage, as well as a vast amount of tact in the conduct of his affairs. These were the qualities most on all to his success at that time, but when he had weathered these storms, and was left free to give his attention to the development of the industry with which he was and still

is, so conspicuously identified, it at once became apparent that he had executive ability of a high order and was eminently fitted for carrying forward the work on hand. The subsequent success of the enterprise testifies more strongly than can anything else to the skill and ability with which he has conducted its affairs.

exploited the same progressiveness, the same ability of organization and social adjustment that has marked his business career from the first. He has nobly entered the field and accomplished in an almost incredibly short space of time, in the face of almost constant opposition, what he has taken others years to perform, and what no other man or men ever before did in the same length of time in the same line of endeavor. This in itself speaks more for his capability and business faculty than all words could say. And in this very particular is one of the leading characteristics that we might write, his thoroughness, personality, magnetism, and force. He is a man of great success, he is modestly discarding any special honor in his achievements, and is looking forward to the future with a special honor in his direction.

A's team was a great war, as Blake says. Great in politics, so is Mr. Ethelberg's growth in the commercial world—a born leader. Though conservative and respectable, he has the highest degree he is likely to attain and conservative—just the man for the responsible position he occupies. In his comprehension and treatment of all problems, he is a born leader. In his comprehension and treatment of all problems, he is a born leader. In his comprehension and treatment of all problems, he is a born leader.

## THE OTHER OFFICERS:

SOMETHING ABOUT VICE-PRESIDENT ELDREDGE AND SECRETARY PATTON

Without more than a passing mention of the other officers of the Company—the gentlemen above referred to—this article would be woefully incomplete, as their identification with the industry has been and is of such a nature that they form a part of its very life blood, and are important factors in all its dealings.

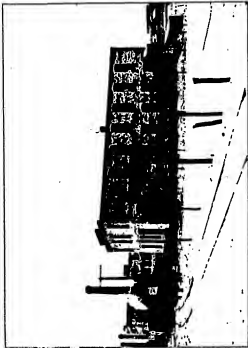
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most sought. He is the counterpart of his father in all of his traits, characteristics and in manner of doing business. No higher compliment can be paid him than that simple statement. He is truly elevated, versatile, brilliant and without a "prince of good fellows"—one of the salt of the earth. Though young in years Mr. Eldredge carries an old business head, and his capabilities of execution in this direction are only measured by the requirements that may be made upon him. Mr. Eldredge is a prominent Mason, a Mystic Shriner and a member of Molhann Temple, Chicago and also of the Harvard club, of the same city.

Secretary David Patton was born in Glendough, near Belfast, Ireland, on February 8, 1861. With his parents he came to this country in 1868 and settled in Chicago, where he received his early education in the high schools. Until coming to help here in 1889 nearly his whole life had been spent in that city. He has been associated with Mr. Ethelred in the sewing machine business continually since 1876—nearly twenty years—and has been indefatigable in his efforts in building up the business of the National Sewing Machine Company to its present proportions. He is financially interested in the enterprise and no man connected with it is more zealous in looking after the "main dandy," or exhibiting greater fidelity to all matters concerning it than does Secretary Patton. His years of experience in the sewing machine business, gained through his association with Mr. Ethelred, and in particular his knowledge of the affairs of the Company, make him an invaluable adjunct to the management of the business, and he is also well known in the literary circles of the city for his elegant penmanship, his elegant style of writing, and his ready grasp of the details of the business, which has enabled him to perform his duties to his present capacity with such knowledge of the necessities and tastes of his customers in the performance of his duties, and they are many. Like the Knight, Mr. Patton is so well, sympathetically the man for the important position he occupies. Mr. Patton is an advanced Mason, a member of the Knights of Pythias and Royal Arcanum, and seals his "a-ha-ha fellow well met."

construction than any other, more easily opened, and much easier in design. The factory has a capacity of 200 beds per day, and a great many different styles are manufactured. Competent judges affirm that the Cleveland Spring Bed and Mattress Company turn out the finest line of goods on the market today.

Mr. Cleveland has a long and highly creditable record as a manufacturer. Born in Livingston county, New York, in 1836, he came to Boone county in 1860, and has been a resident of Belvidere seventeen years. He belongs to that class of men who are self-reliant and his own master. He has been a Belvidere since, with others, he placed his shoulder to the wheel and rescued the city from its state of lethargy to the present, phenomenal prosperity. He served four years as alderman at the time that the city water-works were completed, and also



CLEVELAND SPRING BED FACTORY.

DRAWN BY W. H. ANDRUS.

the same length of time on the board of education. He has ever been one of the city's most enterprising and pushing business men. His real estate interests are large. Much credit should be given to Mr. Cleveland, and the efficient board of directors of the company, for the careful way in which the business has been managed, for it must be taken into consideration that the company was organized and commenced business at the time that the financial troubles were just beginning, and while other factories all over the country were being closed the Cleveland Spring Bed and Mattress Company never shut down a day and met every obligation promptly. This could never have been done only by careful management and the assistance of the city fathers. The company is one of those who have a much larger working capital it is doing a steady, safe, business, and its share toward the prosperity and welfare of the city of Belvidere.

#### AN IMPORTANT INDUSTRY.

What is now an important industry and bids fair to become a still larger one, is the Cleveland Spring Bed and Mattress Company. It is next in importance to the big plant of the National Sewing Machine Company. Although President E. A. Cleveland has been manufacturing spring beds in Belvidere since 1881, the present concern is a new one, the plant having been erected and the company



E. A. CLEVELAND.

organized by Mr. Cleveland in 1896. It has a capital stock of \$15,000, fully paid, and its officers are as follows: E. A. Cleveland, president; A. C. Fossell, vice-president; J. W. Sharp, secretary, and A. E. Loop, treasurer. Vice-president Fossell is the company's efficient credit clerk; Treasurer Loop is cashier of the First National Bank.

The factory is the secondary plant of a leading grocery dealer. The machinery necessary for the work is operated by the expensive and elaborate machinery of the National Sewing Machine Company. The plant consists of coil springs, beds, woven wire mattresses, cots and children's cribs, and the concern turns out some of the most acceptable, popular and rapidly selling goods now on the markets of the country. Mr. Cleveland has just invented a new and novel device which does away with many complications in folding cots and cribs. A small invention, yet it promises to greatly enlarge the business, as it is much more simple in



## GENERAL ALLEN C. FULLER.

General Allen C. Fuller was born at Farmingdale, Conn., September 22, A.D. 1822. His father's name was Lucius Fuller and his mother's maiden name was Candace Newell, and both families were of New England blood. Both parents were for many years among our old settlers, having come to this country in 1845, and both died several years since in this city. Lucius Fuller was for a short time in the mercantile business; was at one time associate judge of the County court, and afterwards postmaster of Belvidere. Our early settlers will remember this aged couple as among the most highly respected and public spirited citizens.

General Fuller was educated in Towaunda, Pa. After graduating at the Towaunda academy he was placed under the instructions of a thoroughly educated private instructor, and under whom he completed the full course of collegiate study. In 1841 he commenced his law studies, and completed the same at Warsaw, N. Y., in the office of the United States Senator Doolittle. In 1846, when he was admitted to the Supreme court of New York, and in November of that year he again arrived at Belvidere, where he has resided since that time, now nearly fifty years.

Within a few days after coming to this city General Fuller was employed in several important cases, and entered upon the active duties of his profession. At this time our population was about six, and there were but two attorneys here in active practice, to wit, S. A. Harbath and W. T. Burgess. Soon after the firm of "Fuller & Burgess" and "Loop & Harbath" were formed. These firms continued for several years, and did a large business. Between these firms it was "Greek against Greek," and they not only had the business of this county, but were extensively employed in litigation in neighboring counties and the Supreme court.

Devoting himself entirely to his profession for many years, refusing to seek office or participating in party intrigues, and with an iron constitution and indomitable will, he secured and held a large and profitable practice for many years. This was the commencement of his successful financial career.

General Fuller has in later years held the following offices: Master in chancery, appellate judge, judge of the Common Pleas and Michigan canal, state bank commissioner, circuit judge, and judge of the Supreme court of the state, representative and speaker of the house, senator and member of the cabinet.

In his return home from public to private life, in 1869, "Old Reliable Belvidere Standard," whose editor had intimately known him for many years, published its opinion of Gen. Fuller, and we copy from its columns the following article:

"For more than eighteen years, the name of Allen C. Fuller has been widely and most favorably known to the people of this portion of the state. In 1846 he came to this place a young, untried and penniless lawyer. His scholarly attainments, his legal acquirements and his industry and indomitable resolution to succeed twelve or fifteen years with but few friends, and during the time that no man ever doubted that he ably, zealously and faithfully discharged his duties to his clients. Though always public spirited and liberal, he has, by personal economy and business talent, acquired a handsome property and has contributed much to the growth and prosperity of our town.

"When the war broke out in 1861, General Fuller saw that presiding judge of this circuit, and we believe it was universally admitted that he discharged his honorable and responsible duties satisfactorily and with ability. In the summer of that year he was urged by our state officers to consent himself with the military affairs of our state. He declined the offer, and he has since no longer consented. He has, however, been temporarily to accept the appointment tendered to him of



GENERAL ALLEN C. FULLER.

adjutant general. In the fall of 1861 he entered upon the discharge of the duties of that laborious and exacting and responsible office, and in July, 1862, resigned the office of circuit judge. He has since then been in the army, and has been as adjutant general of the state ever since. He has been in the army and a half mentioned here. If the opinion of the press, most well known to the country to need to be unquestioned here. If the testimony of Governor Yates, with whom he has been so long associated; if the public opinion, so far as we have heard it expressed, are to be relied upon, then, indeed, he has rendered the state and country capable, faithful and

acceptable service. The published reports of the operations of the adjutant general's department in the organizing and sending to the field over two hundred thousand men are before us, and we would wish no better record than to have been so honorably identified with the glorious history of Illinois during this war. Governor Foster has been the first to start in other messages and say: "General Fuller has been a most able, faithful and energetic officer, and is entitled to the gratitude of the state."

"The house of representatives, at its last session, unanimously adopted a resolution of the committee appointed to report the adjutant general's office, and from which the following report was made:

"That we have thoroughly examined the office of the adjutant general and find it a model of completeness, one that preserves in all its glory the proud record of all our soldiers and reflects infinite credit upon the great state whose sons they are.

"That in the judgment of this committee the thanks of every patriotic citizen of the state are due to General Fuller for the able and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office and for his indefatigable efforts in collecting and preserving this glorious record of a glorious state.

"That we have no objection to General Fuller retaining his office as adjutant general, and having him permanently elected a member of the house of representatives, and electing him speaker of the house of representatives.

"That manner in which he acquitted himself in this new position may be seen by the following report of the committee on the adjutant general's office, made before the adjutant general on the 16th ult:

"Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to the Hon. Allen C. Fuller, our presiding officer, for the kind, courteous, able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office, and for the perfect manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office."

"As a speaker of the house of representatives, and while presiding officer of the senate, General Fuller was, of course, prevented from actively participating in the house; but we notice from the official proceedings, that on the subject of private bills, he was very active, and that he was very successful in his efforts. We think our readers will agree with us that in the following extracts from his speeches, which we publish to-day, his views were sound and were able presented.

"In conclusion we regret to say that General Fuller returns home with his long and faithful services to the state, and that he has been able to enjoy the universal confidence of his old neighbors and friends among whom he has resided so many years."

At this distant day, the people of the state may have forgotten, but it is nevertheless true, that they owe General Fuller their lasting gratitude for the service in introducing into the legislature various bills which became laws, among which are the following:

"The bill providing for the better regulation of the state to fix maximum rates, and the legislation upon this subject was such that the Senate of the state and the Supreme court of the United States, and finally the legal questions of the constitutionality of such laws, was sustained by these high tribunals.

Also the law establishing railroad commissions and now in force.

Also establishing a board of public charities and now in force.

Also a bill upon the subject of eminent domain.

Also the revenue law, now substantially in force, was prepared by him.

And the improvement of the gaits and ability is found on many a page of the Revised Statutes of the State still in force.

Since the close of the war several histories have been written upon our state affairs, and particularly concerning our soldiers and the public men of the state.

Among others may be found "Illinois and the War," two volumes by Kelly, published in 1865; "History of Illinois," by D. W. Lock, published in 1874; "Political and Statistical," two volumes by John Moore, published in 1882.

By a reference to these histories and others it will be found, we believe without exception, that the most unqualified endorsement and approval has been given to General Fuller for the conspicuous part he took in public matters during those times. Though well and favorably known to the bar and business men of Northern Illinois prior to 1860, it was at this time and subsequent years he established a state reputation and maintained the same until he retired from public life in 1872. In



RESIDENCE OF GENERAL ALLEN C. FULLER.

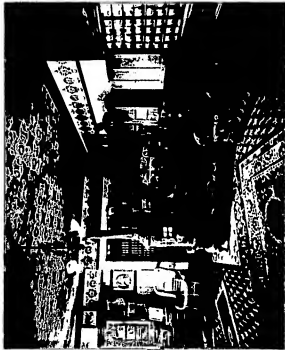
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the unenviable political contest of 1860 Governor Yates and General Fuller canvassed almost the entire state in behalf of the Republican party, and if we may judge of that canvass, by the opinions of the press of the state as given at that time, it was a most successful and brilliant one, and contributed its full share to the success of the Republican party.

It was not, however, until the late terrible war commenced in 1861, and he assumed the duties of adjutant general of the state, that his name became familiar as a household word in every family in the state and especially to our volunteer soldiers. It was in this important office with all its labors, cares, difficulties and responsibilities that he made his most distinctive mark and displayed those rare executive abilities which were admitted by every one. The repeated messages of Governor Yates—the resolutions of our state legislature, and the reports of the federal authorities, as well as the above quoted histories of those years are an in-

tirely unanimous on this subject, that no other opinion need be given in this brief sketch of a residence in Belvidere of nearly half a century; it can be truly said that General Fuller is established in the position of a respected citizen on every question. His word is as good as his bond and all know his bond if it should get it, would be unimpeachably good. He is believed to have acquired a large fortune and he deserves it. Commending active life here he still retains the strongest attachment for this city, where his early struggles for success commenced.

In early days here everybody was poor. With no rich or powerful friends to aid in the start, he has, by his indomitable will, his conservative and prudent busi-



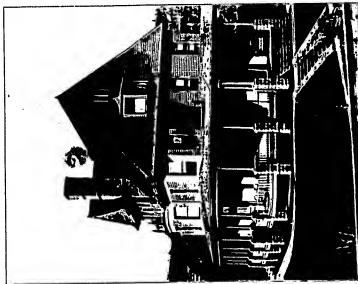
GENERAL ALLEN C. FULLER'S PRIVATE OFFICE.

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ness, management and tireless energy, succeeded in life. His liberality and public spirit bring forth the best results. Now to this city as hereafter mentioned proves this and it is now believed that he has made a fine and worthy public office. As an evidence of the confidence placed in him as a business man, it may be here stated that he has prominently assisted in establishing half a dozen or more National banks and has held and now holds prominent offices in several of them.

In this brief biographical sketch it is, of course, impossible to do full justice to the reputation and career of a gentleman whose history is part of the history of this great state, and so closely interwoven therewith as to form an essential part of nearly every portion thereof for a period of nearly half a century of progress and achievement. The older citizens who have known and admired him for all these years will not forget, while life shall last, his splendid record and noble character.

They have known him as a citizen and friend; they have respected him for his high character and they have been grateful for his many acts for the benefit and honor of the city and county of his residence, and they have delighted to honor him with positions of public trust when opportunity offered. His liberal donation of \$8,000.00 for the city public library, which he founded in honor of his deceased daughter, and which has become one of the finest public libraries in the



SUMMER RESIDENCE OF GENERAL ALLEN C. FULLER.

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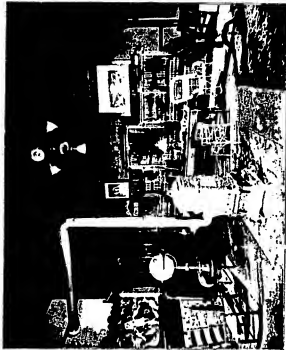
state, outside the large cities, was only one of the acts of public benevolence which has endeared him to all classes.

General Fuller, like all great lawyers, has been a great worker. He was always faithful to his client, and gave to every case he undertook, the best efforts of which he was capable. But he surpassed most other men in executive ability which he possessed to a large degree.

This sometimes gave the appearance of austerity to his character, and he has been charged with being overbearing, stern, and unyielding. Save in the trying days of the nation, when all his energies were centered on his country's welfare alone, his character was without foundation, and then these characteristics were justified by the acts of the hour, when men of blood and

from necessary' to the salvation of the nation. At other times no more genial, companionable and kind hearted man ever branched. Like the great Grant, in war his nerves were of steel, in peace his heart was tender as a child's, and his sympathies broad enough to embrace all mankind.

His grief over the death of his children, whom he idolized, softened, though it did not break him, and he has continued to this day, the capable, active, broad-minded man of affairs. When his work shall have been completed and the history of his life written, then will all know that a giant oak has fallen, that a man fit and capable to have ruled over a state or nation has left the impress of his life and achievements upon the community.



BUSINESS OFFICE OF GENERAL ALLEN C. FULLER.

BY FRANK C. KEEFE, A. N. P.

As yet his eyes are not dimmed, and his strength has not failed. Daily he can be found at his office, where all having business to transact with him can find a cordial greeting and a cheerful readiness to take up and dispose of the business in hand. His business habits and methods are methodical; he familiarizes himself fully with every detail of the business in which he may be engaged, and never shirks a duty. His affairs are always in shape, every detail is attended to with scrupulous exactness, and to these qualities is largely due his success in life, in a material way.

Whatever he does is well done, and whatever anyone else to whom he may entrust any matter to do must also be done well, and his employees always are made to feel that their employer always knows at every step of the work whether or not it is done as it should be.

Perhaps this sketch cannot be better closed than by saying that after the preparation of the foregoing article the publisher of this book called upon a dis-

tinguished member of the bar of this city and one of the most eloquent men of this state, and whose professional and official life for many years enables him to know more than most men, the opinions of the public concerning men of affairs, and requested him to give his impartial and candid opinion of the subject of this sketch.

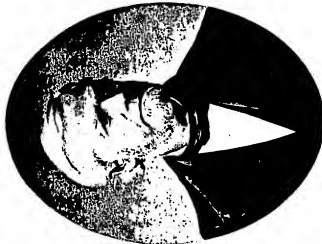
This is his reply: "Yes, I will do so with pleasure."

"A learned historian of this state has said that the history of Illinois could not be written with the name of Allen C. Fuller left out." "The words were spoken, where he is best known, and where the greater portion of his life has been spent, the name of General Fuller is a household word, and is a synonym for honor, integrity and fair dealing, as well as for worth and ability. Whether at home or abroad, in private or public life, no man ever questioned his honor and integrity; no man ever doubted his public spirit, his broad-mindedness or his absolute justice in all his dealings with his fellow men. As a young man, in the prime of his life, he was industrious and faithful, and those qualities, coupled with strict honesty and fair dealing, could not fail to bring success. He has held the offices of master in chancery, county judge, circuit judge, representative in the general assembly, and speaker of the house, state senator from his district and president of the senate, and adjutant general of the state of Illinois, during the days that 'ired men's souls'; when more than two hundred thousand men went out from Illinois to do battle for the union. In all these positions of trust and honor he acquired a name which was widely known, and which will always be remembered with great esteem by those who knew him. He was a just and upright judge, a faithful public servant and an honest man in all the relations of life. And such is and will be the final judgment as to his abilities, worth and character."

#### HON. JOHN J. FOOTE.

John J. Foote was born at Hamilton, N. Y., February 11, 1816. He was a son of John Foote, a distinguished comedienne, and Mary E. Johnson, the daughter of a prominent physician. His zodiacology is traced with accuracy to Nathaniel Foote, who emigrated from Colchester, England, and whose name appears on the Massachusetts Bay Colony records of 1622. The descendants of this more immediate ancestor, some of whom are mentioned in Revolutionary annals, long remained in the coast colonies of Massachusetts and Connecticut. After completing his studies in the common schools and Hamilton Academy, and receiving the degree of A. B., conferred by Madison, now Colgate University, he qualified as a draughtsman, and entered upon and conducted an extensive business in his native town. At the outset of the career, and during its course, the two congenial abilities and the energy of the character were brought into play. His friends added with the years and adjoining resources, made him the repository of important political and financial trusts. After filling with credit a number of local offices, including that of chairman of the Madison county board of supervisors for two years, he was, in 1857, elected senator for Madison, Chenango and Cortland counties, and served his constituency with distinction. In politics Whig and afterward Republican, Mr. Foote has been a earnest champion of the principles advocated by Henry Clay and the great leaders of that time. Among his colleagues in the senate were many who have since become eminent, notably William A. Wheeler, afterward vice-president of the United States. During the session of this first republican legislature, he introduced the "Personal Liberty" bill, an act enlarging the rights of negroes, and other important measures. Mr.

Foote was chairman of the committee on militia, and a member of the banking committee. Mr. Wheeler, chairman of the latter, having been elected president of the legislature, the position Mr. Foote received in him in the former position. This expression of confidence in him, and the confidence in him, and the financial responsibility by reason of the panic then impending, in 1893 his name was placed on the Lincoln ticket as an adviser for the counties of Madison and Okego. His acquaintance and association with the leading aristocracy of that period was extended, and his coworkers were such men as Governor Morgan, "Timothy" Wood, Mayor Opley and others of like prominence. Immediately after Fort Sumner had been fired upon the leading men of the state, alarmed at



JOHN C. FOOTE.

the situation, gathered at the Astor House, New York city, for the purpose of considering what steps the commonwealth should take for the preservation of the people. Mr. Foote was one of the speakers. The meeting adjourned on the thirty-sixth hour. As a result of the hurried deliberations, Mr. Foote was delegated to proceed to Albany, and urge that the motion to adjourn be reconsidered, with a view of taking some action relative to placing the state on a war footing. His recommendation was adopted by the legislature, together with the additional suggestion that a bill be immediately passed appropriating three million dollars for military purposes. In 1865, his health failing, and feeling unequal to the demands of official position and business affairs, he removed from Hamilton to his farm near Belvidere. In 1875 he was called to New York city by Ex-Postmaster-General Thomas L. James, an old-time friend, then postmaster, and consented to

temporarily accept the position of auditor and acting postmaster, in the absence of his chief, with the subject of raising money and reorganizing the postal system at the head of the department. The task he undertook was a most arduous one, but the work for proper accomplishment a man of ability, courage and fidelity. But the work was in the end satisfactorily completed, and the system adopted became a model for the principal cities of the country. Returning to Belvidere, Mr. Foote has passed the intervening years in caring for his estate, with occasional services of a public nature, particularly as chairman of the board of supervisors for several terms, and in an advisory capacity as director of the First National Bank since 1885. At the house on Lincoln avenue, below illustrated, Mr. Foote lives in retire



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ment with his estimable wife and daughter, Miss Harriet, married and esteemed by the entire community. John C. Foote, his son, follows his father's earlier occupation of druggist in this city, and a daughter, Mrs. Elsie Clark, resides in St. Louis.

#### SENATOR CHARLES E. FULLER

Was born in Boone county and all his life has resided in this community. His family came to Illinois in 1845, and consequently were among the early settlers. His ancestors were also among the earliest settlers of New England. Dr. Samuel Fuller and his brother Edward came over in the Mayflower in 1620. The immediate ancestor of Charles E. was Robert Fuller, who was born in England and came to this country in the ship Bevis in 1828. He lived first in Salem and afterwards in Belvidere, Ill. He was the first and only bricklayer in New England for many years. In 1876 the Indians attacked Belvidere and burned the houses of the settlement. Robert Fuller, having lost his wife and two sons, killed by the

Indiana, and his home having been burned, returned to Salem, where he remained until 1806, when he returned to Belvidere, where he died on May 10, 1796. His oldest son was Jonathan Fuller, born at Salem about 1810, and who married Elizabeth Winward, and resided at Attleboro, Mass. Jonathan had a son, David, born September 11, 1807, who resided at Attleboro, Mass., and Coventry, Conn. He married Mary Ann, and had a son, Zephiah Fuller, born September 21, 1834, and who married Mary Wellman, of Danbury, Conn. They resided in Coventry, Conn., and afterwards in Shilshire, Vt. They had a son, Solomon



EX-SENATOR CHARLES E. FULLER.  
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Fuller, born March 12, 1825, and his son, Seymour Fuller, born at Shilshire, Vt., July 8, 1847, the father of Charles E. The family have been prominent in New England history since the settlement of this country, and the ancestral heads of the family have generally been men of means and of high character. They were prominently connected with the early colonial wars and several of them lost their lives in King Philip's war in 1676. From an old historical work we make the following extract as indicative of the opinion generally held of the family:

"The Fuller families were of strong particular claim; marked for integrity, industry, a strict regard for truth and justice, accompanied by an affability of manner, bold plotting and of controlling influence."

Charles E. Fuller received his education in the common schools of this country, and whatever of success he has achieved in life has been by his own untiring efforts. He read law first with Hon. O. H. Wright, and afterwards with Hon. Jesse S. Hubbard. He was admitted to the bar in 1870 and has since practiced his profession at Belvidere. He held the office of Corporation Attorney for the old town of Belvidere, before it became a city, for two terms. In 1876 he was elected state's attorney. In 1875 he was elected to the state senate, after a contest which has become historical. He served in the senate for four years, being chairman of the railroad committee and a member of the judiciary and other important committees. He was afterwards elected to the house of representatives three times in succession, where he was a recognized leader, being generally recognized as the party leader and honored by his associates with the chairmanship of the party in 1883 and 1884. He was also chairman of the house railroad committee. In 1885 he was again elected to the house, and he has since been a member of the legislature. He has been elected to give his time and attention to his legal practice. Mr. Fuller has enjoyed the personal, as well as political, friendship of such men as General John A. Logan, General Richard J. Daley, Senator Shelby M. Callahan, Governor John M. Hamilton and Joseph W. Fifer, as well as most of the other political leaders of the state for the past twenty-five years, and has had their entire confidence and respect. In the legislature his friendships were not limited to his party associates, but many of his warmest adherents were to be found on the other side of the house. His opponents admired his abilities, respected him as a man, and had a wholesome regard for his fighting qualities.

Hon. John R. Tanner is authority for the statement that in a political contest on the floor of the legislature Senator Fuller was the readiest debater, the most resourceful parliamentarian and the best fighter he ever knew.

John C. Hubbard once said of him, that he was "one of the few men who always knew how to do the right thing at the right time and in the right way."

In the great senatorial contest of 1885 in the Illinois legislature, when General John A. Logan was re-elected to the United States senate after a contest lasting four months, and in which Mr. Fuller was the Logan leader, he performed services for his party and state, which were afterwards recognized by General Logan in the following letter:

STROUSBURG, Ill., May 22, 1885.

SIR, CHAS. E. FULLER.

*My Dear Friend:*—I have relied much upon you as a leader in the late senatorial struggle, and desire my thanks to you and assure you of my appreciation of your untiring efforts to achieve a victory for the republican party and myself.

Your brilliant leadership has been most effective in forcing rights from a tyrannical and unscrupulous enemy. The tactics and myself are under many obligations. Be assured of my lifelong regard and friendship.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. LOGAN.

Mr. Fuller was equally the friend of General Oglesby, and in the senatorial contest of 1887 he was the foremost cause of the honest state election, and the man of the high reputation and of high character in the eyes of the people. The failure to elect General Oglesby or any other republican was not his fault, but resulted from the independent or F. M. R. A. members, who held the balance of power, going over badly to the democrats and voting for General Palmer.

Mr. Fuller has expressed the determination to not again be a candidate for

any office, but to give his undivided attention to the practice of his profession in which he has been quite successful. He still has a natural liking for politics, but he has generally avoided the party conventions of the district and state, where he has been present for many years. But he says that he does not expect or desire to again hold public office.

Mr. Fuller was married in 1871 to Miss Sallie Mackay, daughter of Hugh Mackay, of Cherry Valley. They have a pleasant home in 216 South State street. While in the legislature Mr. Fuller's skill as politician won him a high reputation which was enhanced by his statements. In conventions, both state and national, he has shown himself to be a skillful and resourceful politician, and the press of Chicago and throughout the state has several times named him a party warlock.

As a legislator Mr. Fuller was recognized as one who believed in legislating for the benefit of the commonwealth. He was a man of important influence for the benefit of the masses became known through his efforts. When he was present for the party, good in all could be with the opposition, he at the same time was a man of the people. Zealous for his party and faithful to the people, he left the legislature with an enviable record. In the thirty-fourth general assembly he was virtually speaker of the house, as successor to Mr. Haines, on moving the chair during the portion of the session when, after the senatorial struggle had ended in triumph for the republicans through his efforts, the real legislative work was done. He would have been chosen speaker but for his own active in opposition to any change in the organization of the house. Mr. Fuller is frequently mentioned in connection with the "house" and should be remembered in connection with the politics of the legislature. He is a man of many friends. Mr. Fuller is a natural orator and his eloquent voice has been heard from the party platform. On the stump he is what is known as a magnetic man. He is a leader and one of the best stump speakers in the state, and his virtues are always in demand by the party committees.

As a citizen of Belvidere Mr. Fuller has been prominent as well as in the field of public affairs. His energetic, progressive spirit has had much to do with the upbuilding of Belvidere. Successful in law, politics and business affairs, distinguished as an orator and legislator, popular at home and abroad, and an associate of the coaching line of Illinois, the pride which the people of Belvidere and Boone county take in him is pardonable indeed.

#### WILLIAM C. DE WOLF, JR.

Is a native of the west, having been born in the town of Spring, in Boone county, on the 4th day of November, 1855. He was reared on the farm of his father's family, and attended the district school at the old center school house. He grew up in Boone county, and attended the district school at Genoa, De Kalb county, where he graduated in 1873. He afterward read law in the office of Judge C. B. Deen, and was admitted to practice by the Supreme Court of the state in 1887. Later in the same year he entered into a partnership with Hon. Charles E. Fuller in the practice of the law and has continued to be so associated with Mr. Fuller to the present time. His law firm is one of the strongest and enjoys a practice said to be the largest in the state. He has never any means resided in the county of Boone, but extends into the adjoining counties. Mr. De Wolf has given his attention almost exclusively to the practice of his profession, and has not been active in politics. He is a member of the Belvidere Republican Club, and has given much of his time to political matters, although he is a staunch and ardent Republican and is generally a delegate to the party conventions. He is a member of the district republican senatorial committee. He was once appointed and twice

dearest city attorney of Belvidere, but resigned the office in 1890 and has since declined to be a candidate. Mr. De Wolf's associates at the bar all have the greatest respect for his character and abilities. He has an eminently judicial cast of mind, is studious and well read and always absolutely fair and honest. Mr. De Wolf is married and has one child. One who knows him intimately when



W. C. DE WOLF, JR.  
MAYOR OF BELVIDERE

asked to give an estimate of his character said: "Mr. De Wolf is a man of whom one's opinion improves with acquaintance. The better you know him the greater will be your admiration of his character and sterling qualities. He is a man you can't lie to. If he is your friend you can count on him in sunshine and in storm. There will be no doubt as to where he stands. He is perfectly reliable; and although he is a lawyer, he is not a lawyer. He is a good judge of character and knows how to choose his friends. He is a positive man, with a clear, incisive, vigorous mind, and consequently a good lawyer."

## HON. R. W. WRIGHT.

Robert W. Wright, the present efficient state's attorney, was born in Illinois, July 19, 1822. He attended the public schools and at the age of 16 began the study of law in his native state. He graduated from a course at the Illinois University and was admitted to the bar in 1845. He has been practicing only twenty-one years of age at the time. He was chosen state's attorney by the people of this county at the November election of 1861—a signal honor for one



R. W. WRIGHT.  
FROM THE YORK.

of his age. He has been re-elected at the end of each succeeding term since that date. His marriage to Miss Ida Osborn, of Champagne, took place March 11, 1853. Mr. Wright met the young lady while attending the University. They have one child, a little now ten years of age. Mr. Wright rose rapidly to the front as a lawyer and commanded a lucrative practice. In 1851 he was appointed corporation counsel for the city of Bellevue, which position he held until 1855. His superior legal and practical knowledge, his high character and his ready and confident judgment, which he always applied to the most delicate and difficult cases, afforded abundant evidence that his talents require the most reasonable and efficient that a community could possibly give. Qualified to possess very much more than the ordinary qualifications demanded in a gentleman and legal representative of the people's interests, the county and city which retain his services. Mr. Wright is a forcible and brilliant speaker, and has the reputation of conducting to a suc-

cessful issue the cases falling to his charge, to a degree not always attained by older representatives at the bar. His practice is not confined to this city, but includes many other of the important centers in Northern Illinois, and especially Chicago, where he is called frequently. As a counselor, pleader and orator, Mr. Wright has, by sheer ability and application, as well as personal popularity, taken and maintained a position in the very front ranks of the legal fraternity of the state. He is a shrewd and busy lawyer—a lawyer worthy of the name. He has



RESIDENCE OF R. W. WRIGHT.

FROM THE YORK.

no desire to mix in state or national politics, but his sole ambition is as a lawyer. In the new era pertaining to the progress of Bellevue the services of Mr. Wright have been of exceeding value, and fully appreciated by the community.

## JUDGE W. W. WOOL.

Judge Walter W. Wool was born in Hillsdale, Cattaraugus county, New York, April 25, 1827, and is a son of Col. Emory Wool, who, while a boy, served in the war of 1812, and was afterward colonel of a New York state militia regiment. Judge Wool, at the age of sixteen, was sent to the Genesee Wesleyan College at Lima, N. Y., where he entered freshman year, full classical course, remaining



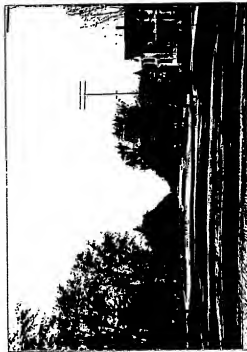
there two years, and completing his college course, graduated with honors at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., under Dr. Nett, in the year 1837. Out of his class, numbering over one hundred, was one of the twelve selected by the faculty of that college to the Honorary Society of "Phi Beta Kappa." In the fall of that year he came west, located at Belvidere, and read law with the then well-known lawyer, F. P. Wood, being the present Gen. A. C. Fuller, of this city, and Hon. Wm. H. Wood, of Chicago. In 1840 he was admitted to the bar, and practiced his profession here until the rebellion in 1862, when, upon the president's call for more volunteers to put down the rebellion, he enlisted in Company G, 10th regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and upon the muster-in of the regiment, Sep-



WILLIAM H. WOOD.  
—MAYNARD—

tember 4, 1862, at Rockford, Ill., was promoted, and commissioned by Governor Yates as adjutant of that regiment. He acted in that capacity with his regiment throughout General Grant's campaign in northern Mississippi, in the fall of 1862. In the spring of 1862, while the army was in camp at Lake Providence, La., he was promoted to the position of assistant adjutant general, by Gen. John McVernine, of the 6th Mississippi, 12th in the company of the Tennessee, took active part in the following campaign and in the battle of Vicksburg, and after the surrender served as post adjutant of that city under Gen. McVernine. He was in the battles at Nashville, Tenn., December 15 and 16, 1864, when the Union army commanded by General Thomas met and routed the Confederate forces under Hood, and in the siege and taking of Spanish Fort and Mobile, Ala., in the early part of 1865. He remained on similar duty until near the close of the war, when he resigned, and was mustered out with his regiment at Camp Butler, Springfield, Ill., in August, 1865. At the close of the war he returned to Belvidere, and

resumed the practice of law, and about that time wrote and published a history of the 15th regiment. In 1866 he was married to Miss Alice E. Humphrey, and they have one daughter, Gertrude C. Wood. Soon after returning, resuming his profession, he was appointed master in chancery of the circuit court of Boone county, holding that office some eight years, and subsequently was corporation and city attorney for Belvidere, and also states attorney of Boone county for several terms. In the spring of 1880 he was elected county judge of this county, since which time he has been continued in that office. Judge Wood is a prominent member of Harlall Post, G. A. R., of this city, having been commander of that post, and held other offices in the organization. The fact that Judge Wood is so frequently called to Chicago to hold court is evidence that his decisions are regarded as fair and impartial. As a judge he is a credit to the bench.



NORTH STATE STREET RESIDENCE PORTION.  
—MAYNARD—

#### EX-JUDGE C. B. DEAN.

The name of C. B. Dean occupies a prominent place in the history of Belvidere and Boone county. He has always taken an active interest in public affairs. He was born in Franklin, the Italian colony. His father came west from Maine in the early days, and when horses were scarce he began to raise them. He made several of them, and sold them, and he was at last decided for sale in the California country.

Judge Dean remained four months in which to make a trip. He was located at Belvidere in 1862. For a short time he was employed in E. W. Coe's grocery store. Then taking up the study of law and acquiring the Am. Abner (Miche) law school, he graduated in the days of 1873. He was married at Ann Arbor, and went to Denver to practice law. He returned to Belvidere one year later, and soon took rank among the leading attorneys. He was city attorney for several terms, and was elected county judge three succe-

vice terms, for which office he was eminently fitted. His wife's health failing in 1888, he left the office and removed to Talapoosa, Ga., where he remained about four years, after which he moved back to Belvidere. Mr. Dean has since then been engaged in the real estate business, quite valuable and are increasing in value as the country grows older and people become more careful of their titles. Judge Dean was one of the most enthusiastic workers in the movement which brought to Belvidere the great National Spring Machine Company. It was one of the negotiating committee and spent time and money to secure the prize. He did not accept stock for his subscription, but contributed with a loyal, patriotic purpose. This one incident gives a key to his character. If Belvidere had more like him it would be better for the city.

Mr. Dean is now practicing law. He is an able lawyer and is therefore very successful. He is a Republican in politics and is chairman of the county republican committee.

#### WILLIAM L. PIERCE.

Well advanced on the list of prominent Belvidere attorneys is the name of William L. Pierce. A son of William H. and Mary J. Pierce, he was born in the town of Spring, June 8, 1868. After a thorough preparatory course of study in the best schools of the county he entered the Northwestern Law College, from which he graduated June 10, 1892. Beginning practice immediately thereafter, in partnership with F. J. Evans, in this city, the association was continued until December 1, 1893, when the partners were separated. He was married to Mrs. Laura M. Dean, daughter of Judge Dean, October 31, 1895. Pleasant, versatile, clear in statement, and a vigorous lawyer, Mr. Pierce commands the attention of judges and the confidence of the public. He has been a member of the Belvidere bar since its organization, of important cases here and elsewhere conducted by Mr. Pierce to a successful issue, and is recent in which might well be contemplated with satisfaction. His practice is in this and adjoining counties is extended and growing, and a very bright future awaits this devoted member of the bar.

#### FRANK S. WHITMAN, M. D.

The name of ex-Mayor F. S. Whitman is closely linked with the growth and enterprise of Belvidere. He was born in this city September 27, 1810, and is a descendant of good old New England stock. Both his grandfather and father lived in the city in early days and were leading factors in the pioneer history of Belvidere. His father, John M. Whitman, came here from Chatham county, N. Y., in 1820, making the entire distance with teams.

Dr. Whitman has the honor of being the second academic practitioner in Belvidere. After acquiring his early education in the public schools he became a student at the Chicago University and subsequently graduated in medicine one year, being principal of the law school. He began the study of medicine at the College of James K. Smith, of Belvidere, and graduated from the Illinois Medical College, of Chicago, in February, 1872. The same year he opened an office in this city and has since successfully engaged in practice. His skill and marked ability have placed him at the head of the list.

Dr. Whitman's name is synonymous with progression. He is regarded as one of the best "possed" men in Belvidere. He is one of the first to push along any project calculated to advance the interests of the city. He has always had great faith in the future of Belvidere, and by shrewd and careful real estate investments has acquired great competence. He never allows these outside matters, however, to interfere with his professional duties. Last summer he erected a splendid livery block in which are his offices and which are equipped in a modern manner. The

doctor is a large stockholder in the National Sewing Machine Company, one of the founders of the People's bank, of which he is vice-president. He is also interested in other enterprises.

Politically he is a staunch Republican and is one of the leaders of the party in this congressional district. He is a member of the congressional committee for the district, and was an alternate delegate-at-large at the National convention of 1892. What comes to careful political observers, however, has far-reaching results. He has led high public honor throughout his life. He has served as president of the school board, alderman, mayor for two successive terms, three terms as coroner and was president of the Insurance company fund of pension ex-



DR. F. S. WHITMAN  
PHOTO BY V. AND

amines four hundred years of impaired health, the result of a long and arduous career in the public service for nearly a quarter of a century, and the desire for a share of the leisure enjoyed by other men, and never obtainable in the work allotted him, were causes that led the doctor to announce on April 1st last his retirement from the active conduct of his profession. His future work is to be closely confined to the line of consultation.



DR. F. S. WHITMAN  
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#### A. W. SWIFT, M. D.

No young physician has gained distinction more rapidly than Dr. A. W. Swift, who has been associated with Dr. F. S. Whitman for ten years. He was born in Nunda, Livingston county, New York, in 1860, and

came to Belvidere when but five years old. His father was one of the brave defenders of the stars and stripes and laid down his life in the cause of liberty on a southern battlefield.

In early life the doctor chose the medical profession and studied with Dr. Whitman. He subsequently attended the Chicago Homoeopathic Medical College and graduated with honors in the class of 1885. Forming a partnership with Dr. Whitman he soon established himself as a skillful physician and won the confidence of the people. He had been a practitioner here for ten years and no physician stands higher in public esteem. In 1885 he married Miss Jessie Corliss, daughter of Charles Corliss, one of the early settlers of Boone county. He has



DR. E. E. FOOTE.  
FROM A SKETCH BY J. M. RAY.

been a member of the board of education and is at present a member of the board of health and a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has never been a seeker of public office but prefers to devote his entire time and attention to the practice of medicine. He uses his scientific knowledge largely to his land, conscientious work, and his example is a good one for other physicians to emulate. He is popular socially and has a still brighter future before him.

#### DANIEL E. FOOTE, M.D.

Dr. Foote was a native of Champaign county, New York. His ancestors were English, and loyal to their country. He was educated by the Foote common school, which is in his possession, having been handed down from father to son in order of inheritance. It has upon its chimney "Name of Foote," and beneath, upon a scroll, the words "Loyalty and Truth." The doctor traces his lineage in

an unbroken line from Nathaniel Foote, one of the first settlers at Westfield, Conn., whose ancestors were prominent in the colonial wars and the war of the revolution. He is a member of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution for the state of Illinois. Dr. Foote is a graduate of the University of Buffalo's medical department, and received his diploma from the hand of Millard Fillmore, chief-magistrate of the white president of the United States. His precocity was such that he was a member of the medical college of Albany in the medical college of Syracuse, N. Y., with which he graduated with honors at five years, and then practiced one year. He practiced his profession at Newburg, N. Y., and then moved to Belvidere, where he has since been in constant practice. In 1853 he purchased the place where they now reside, on which, in 1853, he built the house still occupied. They have three daughters, the



RESIDENCE OF EDWIN W. WARREN, OF BELVIDERE.

eldest of whom is the wife of Edwin W. Warren, of Belvidere, the other two remaining with their parents. Dr. Foote is a permanent member of the American Medical Association and of the Illinois State Medical Society, an elder in the Presbyterian church, and has occupied many places of honor and responsibility, both municipal and social.

#### DR. R. W. WINNES.

Dr. R. W. Winnes was elected to the office of mayor at an important period in the history of Belvidere, and has since been elected to the same office. He was needed in the administration of our city affairs. The city was indeed fortunate in placing him at the public helm last spring. He is well-known to the growing needs of a growing city, is progressive and enterprising in spirit, and is in full sympathy with the many needed improvements already decided upon or now under serious contemplation. Opportunity's hand was stretched forth and Mayor Winnes grasped it with enthusiasm. Among the improvements he has adventured sanitary sewers, water works extension, and paving, and all are likely to come during his term of office. It will be no fault of his if they do not.

Dr. Winnes was born in Rockford in 1857. He attended the public schools there and subsequently took a four years course in Beloit College. He resolved to

study medicine and entered Northwestern Medical University, graduating in 1884. Shortly after becoming an M.D., he located in Belvidere, associating himself with Dr. Charles Scott, then the leading physician of Belvidere. At Dr. Scott's death six years later, or in 1890, the extensive practice naturally largely reverted to Dr. McInnes, who had attained an enviable prominence in the profession. Dr. McInnes deserves the honors which have been bestowed upon him. He lives in a



DR. A. J. MARKLEY.  
PHOTO BY CLARK & MOTT.

pretty residence on North State street. He and his estimable wife are popular in Belvidere's society circles.

#### A. J. MARKLEY, M. D.

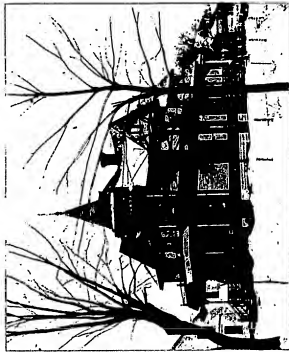
Dr. A. J. Markley has practiced medicine in Illinois country for nearly fifteen years. He first located in Poplar Grove, where he remained one year. Then he moved to Gardiner Prairie, and lived at that village for eight years. In 1890 he came to Belvidere, forming a partnership with Dr. R. W. McInnes. The doctor was born in Appleton, Polk county, Ohio, May 2, 1852. He graduated from the Belmont Medical College, Chicago, in the class of 1884, and no member of his class has been more successful in the medical world.

Dr. Markley congratulates himself that he located in so progressive a city as Belvidere. Belvidere represents the sentiment. In his profession he has proved himself worthy of the highest confidence, and as a citizen has won the esteem of all.

He chose for his wife a Illinois country girl who was living in February, Neb., at the time of their marriage, in 1885. She was Miss Belle R. Hill, whose parents were early residents of Illinois. Dr. and Mrs. Markley live on South State



DR. A. J. MARKLEY.  
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RESIDENCE OF DR. A. J. MARKLEY.  
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street, in one of the cozier and most beautiful residences in Belvidere. Their friends are legion.

Dr. Markley has taken an active interest in school matters, and has served as president of the South Belvidere school board. Much credit is due him and his co-laborers on the board for the excellent school whose desolate they guide.

## CHARLES DARWIN CARPENTER, M. D.

Dr. Carpenter, while only recently taking up his residence in Belvidere, is yet a practitioner of diversified experience, and is eminently qualified to assume and maintain a leading position in the fraternity of this city. The doctor gravitated



DR. CHAS. DARWIN CARPENTER.

naturally into the profession of medicine his father and preceptor, George H. Carpenter, M. D., at one time surgeon of the 91st Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in the late war, being a prominent physician in Athens, Ohio. His mother, Mary Welch, was a daughter of the Hon. John W. Wain, late chief justice of Ohio. The subject of this sketch was born in Athens, Dec. 22, 1846, and received his classical education at the Ohio University. Graduating from the Medical College at Cincinnati, March 1, 1872, he began practice with his father in Athens, Ohio, but was finally attracted to Cleveland, where he remained a number of years discharging the manifold duties entailed by an extensive practice. He was also one of the resident physicians at the Columbus, Ohio, Hospital for the Insane during the years 1877-78. Dr. Carpenter is president of the pension examining board at Belvidere. He was married to Miss Rena Vierdorn, January 26, 1882. They have two interesting daughters, one of three and the other ten years of age. The

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family reside on Logan avenue. Dr. Carpenter's skill, culture and varied talents, together with his social qualities, are bringing him friends in his adopted city, whose promise led to a choice of what he hopes to make his permanent home.

## R. H. BURTON, M.D.

It is not an exaggeration to say that no young physician and surgeon has achieved success to a more marked degree than Dr. R. H. Burton. Although his practice here dates only over a period of two years, he is already recognized as one of the leading physicians. He was born in Toronto, Canada, in 1861. His father, John C. Burton, settled south of Belvidere in 1879, and was a prosperous



DR. R. H. BURTON.

PHOTO BY JAMES A. MOSE.

farmer. He died in 1895. The doctor's home has been in Belvidere for years, and he has opened an office here he felt that he was not among strangers.

Dr. Burton attended Northwestern University for a time, and then went into the drug business in Chicago, being in that line for eight years. He subsequently became a student at the University of Chicago, studying medicine and surgery, from which institution he graduated with credit to his alma mater. He was a member, he took an internship in St. Elizabeth's famous hospital and one also in St. Elizabeth hospital, being directly under the preceptorship of that eminent surgeon, Dr. J. R. Murphy. The doctor's extolled hospital experience has been of incalculable value to him in his practice. He has been especially successful in performing delicate and dangerous surgical operations, and in those his hospital training comes into good use. Before coming to Belvidere he practiced one year in Chicago.

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## IRVING J. HECKMAN, M.D.

Was born in the township of Kingsport, De Kalb county, twelve miles southeast of Belvidere, Sept. 16, 1841. His father, Philip Heckman, of German ancestry, soon after his marriage removed to the city in the 30's, removed from Ohio to this vicinity. His mother, Sarah Heckman, was of Scotch and English descent, and one of a large family. Both were of the sturdy and reliable type of pioneers, and readily adapted themselves to the new situation. The doctor received his primary education in the schools of De Kalb county, and Belvidere, and attended college at Hillsdale, Mich. After following the accountant's profession for some time by young men of high aspirations, but indelible purposes, he finally entered the



DR. J. J. HECKMAN

Illinois College of Pharmacy at Chicago, and subsequent to the completion of his studies filled the position of dispenser in the Elgin Hospital for the Insane under the Pfizer administration. In 1861 Dr. Heckman was married to Miss Cora Everett, of Chicago, a native of Winnebago county and a graduate of Rockford College. In 1865 he graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Chicago, and settled in Belvidere, where he has already taken a prominent place among the successful practitioners of the city.

## CHARLES SCOTT, M.D.

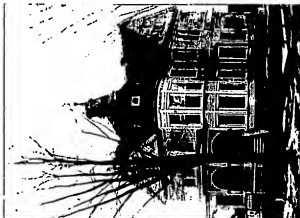
Dr. Charles Scott, now deceased, was in more respects than one a remarkable man. He was for years the leading physician of Belvidere, and was loved by the people as few men have been. In his character, sympathetic, helpful, and of fine abilities, he lived in the esteem and confidence of all with whom he came in con-

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tact. He was the son of Dr. James Scott, who is still living at the old homestead in Sagadahoc township. His mother, Mary, was the daughter of his father's side were Pennsylvania Dutch, and of Quaker affiliation. On his mother's side they were Scotch Irish from the north of Ireland. Dr. Scott was born May 26, 1849, in Washington, Penn. He came with his father's family to Illinois in 1857. His early education was obtained at the public schools, including a course at the Pequotonia High School. Before taking up the study of medicine he spent a few years on the farm with the family, and a year in the army. He studied medicine at Chicago, Bel-

DR. CHAS. SCOTT, DECEASED  
FURNISHED BY HIS SON

videre College during the winters of 1872-3 and 1872-3, and was at Irish Medical College in 1871, graduating in 1873. He commenced the study of medicine during the winter of 1873, at the St. Luke's Hospital, he came to Belvidere in 1876. In May, 1877, he was married to Miss Clara E. Tinsley. The doctor achieved phenomenal success in his profession. He arrived in Belvidere financially indebted, as he had been obliged to work his way through college, but with the result which often follows diligent and conscientious effort. His medical equipment was of no consequence a nature that the time was not long postponed when every hour had urgent demand. At the height of usefulness and on the crest of success, the effects of overwork became rapid-



RESIDENCE OF DR. CHAS. SCOTT.

ly apparent, and the skillful physician and faithful friend, widely known and trusted, sank to his last sleep, scarcely mourned by the entire community. His death occurred in this city July 25, 1890. Mrs. Scott still resides, with her two children, Charles R. and Clara May, in the beautiful home erected by the doctor not long before his decease. The son Charles, if his inclination be followed, will take up the study of a profession of which his father was a shining ornament.

#### WILLIS BUTTERFIELD, A.M., M.D.

Dr. Butterfield was born in 1838, and has practiced medicine since 1872, coming to Belleville in 1885. His immediate ancestors came from New Hampshire,



WILLIS BUTTERFIELD  
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

and his great grandfather and grandfather (participated) in two of the earlier wars, the former as major of a regiment from that state in the revolutionary conflict, and latter as captain in the campaigns of 1812. His father, who is now in Denver, Col., came to Illinois in 1846. The doctor was educated at the Northwestern University, and afterward for a year was principal of a graded school at Byron, Ill. On graduation from the medical department of the university ensued, at a time when he resided in Iowa, where, at De Witt and the Hospital for the Insane at Iowa City, he discharged the ordinary and special duties of his profession. From thence he transferred his allegiance to Harrison, Cook county, Illinois, at which place he resided for many years, working hard in a large and successful practice. During his residence there he held the position of surgeon for the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Company, and at one time a company surgeon of the Denver and Jito Grande Railroad in Colorado. Dr. Butterfield was married to Miss Grace Wells in 1879. They have three young daughters.

#### A. C. FASSETT.

A. C. Fassett, circuit clerk and recorder, is one of the most popular men in Beaver county. In giving a sketch of him in "Belleville Illustrated," this can readily be said. He is essentially a man of the people, and such men are always well liked. Mr. Fassett was born in Harrocksburg, Oregon county, New York, in 1845. He located at Garden Prairie, in this county, in 1875, and conducted a general store there in partnership with J. D. Roskens for nine years. He was elected circuit clerk and recorder in 1884, and is now in his third term. In public



A. C. FASSETT,  
CIRCUIT CLERK,  
RECORDED IN VOGUE.

office the people have to find a plain man and one who is courteous and accommodating.

Mr. Fassett is a native of New York, having been born in the year broke out, in conflict with the Southern States. He went in as a private, and his bravery and merit won him promotions to second lieutenant. Mr. Fassett was in many hard-fought engagements, but did the hardest fighting at Fredericksburg and at Fort Harrier, near Richmond. He has been elected commander of Harrocksburg Post, G. A. R., for nine consecutive years, and venerable member of the M. W. A. for eight successive years. He is one of the prominent members of the Methodist church, being clerk of the board of trustees and clerk of the official board. He has been superintendent of the Sunday-school, and was for five years president of the County Sunday-school Association. He is president of the Board of Education of North Belleville, having served in that capacity for six years; is president of the Board of

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Trustees of the Chambering Association, and is a member of the Public Library Board. Mrs. Fossell's father was Mr. A. S. Hopkins, and the couple were married at Edinboro in 1866. The only son, Will, is a railway postal clerk, residing between Chicago and Duquoin.

## WM. BOWLEY, COUNTY CLERK.

Wm. Bowley, although a young man, holds one of the most responsible official positions within the gift of the people of Boone county. He was married a year ago by being elected county clerk, and he has proved himself worthy to carry on of the trust reposed in him. Mr. Bowley was born in Boone county thirty-three



BOWLEY, JEREMY.  
1873-1874.  
PHOTO BY J. H. & J. H.

years ago. His father was among the pioneer settlers of this section and was a loyal and respected citizen.

The subject of this sketch received a thorough education in the public schools and at the age of eighteen years began his business career in the dry goods trade. Beginning with a small start, he made head-on and successful strides towards success when the fire-bell destroyed his store and ruined him financially.

That the people of Belvidere and Boone county have full confidence in Mr. Bowley was, unerringly demonstrated when he entered the race for county clerk. His opponent was C. M. Kreier, whom it was considered impossible to defeat. The campaign was a memorable one, in fact the most exciting the county has known in years. Mr. Bowley made a splendid canvass of the entire county and conducted his campaign like a veteran. His opponent was for him a great victory, and he was nominated and elected by a safe majority. Since assuming the duties

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of the office he has done the work efficiently and well. He is genial and accommodating and every possible courtesy is shown to the public. The books and records were never kept in better shape, all of which proves the people made the right choice.

Six years ago Mr. Bowley married Miss M. Miller, daughter of Isaac Miller, a well-to-do citizen who was held in high esteem. Mrs. Bowley is an artistic milliner and conducts fine millinery parlors which are popular with the ladies. The general opinion is that County Clerk Bowley is slated for more and continued honors, and he deserves them.

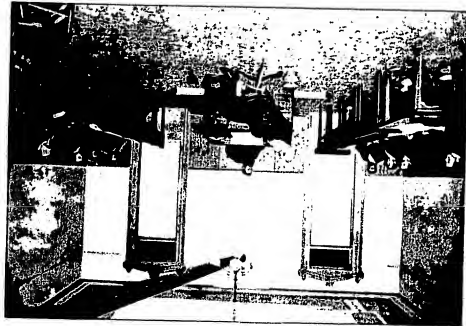


ALDERMAN W. H. MOORE.  
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## ALDERMAN W. H. MOORE.

W. H. Moore is one of the most active members of the city council. He was first elected alderman in 1892, serving two years, during which time he demonstrated ability in the administration of city affairs. He retired from the council in 1895, but was elected in 1897, and has since that time been actively engaged in his taking the office again, and he was elected without opposition. Mr. Moore's services to the city are valuable. He is foremost in advancing needed reforms and improvements. He heartily supported the millage providing for a complete sanitary sewer system which passed the council, and the next advanced step he championed was a paid fire department, which the city badly needed. As chairman of the fire and water committee, he was in a position to bring about just such a reform.





THE COURT ROOM, 18th SESSION.  
 PHOTO BY A. L. W. & S. J. W.

Mr. Moore came to Belvidere from Chicago in 1886, when the line manufacturing Company moved to this city. In point of continuous service, he is the oldest employee of the National Sewing Machine Company. Identifying himself with the concern seventeen years ago, he has worked in every department and the ramifications of the sewing machine business are all familiar to him. For some years he was shipping clerk and now holds the responsible position of superintendent of the factory having nearly one hundred and thirty men under his charge.

In the Masonic order Mr. Moore is prominent. He is a thirty-second degree mason, being a member of the Freepoint Consistory. He is also a member of

Tetala Temple Mystic Shrine, and Consular Consular. Knight Templar of Rockford. Mr. Moore is popular with all classes. He lives in a handsome dwelling on East Lincoln avenue which he recently built and fitted with electric lights and all modern improvements.

#### ALDERMAN F. H. DIXON.

Contractor and builder, stands in the very front rank of Belvidere's artisans. He was born in Onondaga county, New York state, in 1851, and came to Illinois in 1866, locating in Boone county. Learning the carpenter's trade at an early age he has continuously followed it and its higher branches for a period of sixteen years.



ALD. F. H. DIXON.  
 PHOTO BY CLARK & SONS.

His work as contractor and builder is the product of the last eight years. Perhaps the most noteworthy of his many achievements is his successful completion of the construction of the National Sewing Machine Company's new building, erected during the past season at a cost of \$100,000. This was a charge of great responsibility, involving much study of detail, and constant watchfulness. Very many of the fine public edifices and costly private residences adorning Belvidere are the result of his careful planning and supervision. The South Side school building No. 1, the shoe factory, Whitman and Starr's building, Knippler's handsome block, the National's foundry and millinery department, the latter completed about three years ago, and scores of dwellings ranging from the cottage to the mansion, are testimonials of his ability and thorough methods. Mr. Dixon was chosen alderman from the first ward at the spring election of last year, and his practical knowledge enables him to render valuable service in the council and on committees.

B. F. Harris is what might be called a self-qualifier. Sixteen years ago he came to Belvidere from York,

Pa., where his parents reside. He began as messenger boy for the Western Union and China & North Western Companies, at the same time turning his attention to telephone work. He was gradually promoted to the positions of night operator, day operator and finally chief clerk at the local station. In the last named capacity he rendered four years of efficient service. Two years ago he accepted the position of assistant cashier of the Pea body Bank, and the fact that he occupies such a responsible position was tendered him, is alone sufficient evidence of his



high place he holds, among his fellows. He has served as city treasurer and is now in his second year as alderman. At such an important period in the history of Belvidere it is well that so progressive a citizen as Alderman Hamish is connected with municipal administration. He is greatly interested in the work of factories, and is benevolent, social, and is a member of the Masonic chapter, Knights of Pythias, Royal Arcanum and Red Men.

Mr. Haruishi was born thirty-seven years ago near Lancaster, Pa. In 1888 he married Miss Nellie Hayes, daughter of A. Hayes. They have one son. The friends of Aberneth Haruishi are numbered by legions and that de-servingly.



EX ALB FRANK LING,  
FIDELITY AND SURETY CO.

Mr. Evans, the present city attorney, was born in this county in 1820. His father, John Evans, and grandfather, Samuel Evans, came to Boone county from Ohio county, S. Y., in the pioneer days of this section. After finishing a common high school course in 1836, Mr. Evans engaged in business, and remained at Cherokee until 1841, when he entered the law department of the Northwestern University. This education was soon followed by a law partnership with W. L. Pierce, and the firm existed until April, 1862. At the spring election of the latter year, Mr. Evans was elected city attorney, and has since held that position.

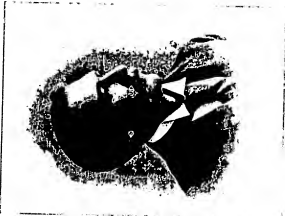


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year he was chosen by the people to represent them in the position he now occupies. His education and his attainments in the various branches of literature, excellent service and superior qualifications earned his selection for a second term, which began last year. In addition to his general practice as a physician, Mr. Evans devotes a considerable portion of his time to real estate, business and law. His 25th birthday is near at hand, and he has already received commendations and honors. His 25th birthday is near at hand, and he has already received commendations and honors. His 25th birthday is near at hand, and he has already received commendations and honors.



service, L. R. Fitzer is a member of the society. "Son of the Revolution." His father, Levi F. Fitzer, came to Illinois from Tompkins county, New York, with his parents in the '40's, and settled on a farm near Ithaca. In 1862 he married Eliza J. Cummings, was born in Newark, N. J., in 1846, of Scotch-Irish parents. Later he joined the Ninety-fifth Illinois Volunteer Regiment in the Civil War, and died while in the service in January, 1865. In 1867 his widow and the mother of L. R. Fitzer, was married to J. W. Van Antwerp, and for twenty years they lived on a farm near Capron. Here the subject of our sketch spent his childhood. He completed the common-school course of study at the Capron public school, and then entered the Illinois State Normal University, graduating there.



L. R. FITZER  
OF THE ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY

from in 1886. Returning home, he engaged in teaching in this county with marked success for a period of three years. Afterwards, he established a newspaper - *The Home Family House* - at Capron, and continued it for nearly two years. The publication was finally disposed of and moved to Belvidere, and in 1890 he was elected to the position of editor of the *Expositor*. In 1899 he was elected to the position of clerk of the court, and re-elected in 1901. His removal to this city in 1892 was occasioned by the discharge of his military duty. That the important duties of the office have been discharged with ability and fidelity is evidenced by the popular verdict and by results. His literary and editorial aptitudes have been applied to successful advantage. Mr. Fitzer was married October 9, 1895, to Miss Louise M. Swell, a daughter of the late William D. Swell, president of the People's Bank of Belvidere. He is one of the members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is an active Sunday-school worker, being at present secre-

tary of the County Association. He is an extensive reader in various lines and is a young man of studious habits, having completed one term's work in the University of Chicago during the past year in addition to his regular official duties.

### FLOYD SMITH, SHERIFF OF BOONE COUNTY.

The chief executive officer of this county is now serving his first term. To properly discharge the duties of his position peculiar qualifications are requisite—among them a clear head, cool courage, promptitude in action, good judgment and adequate mental equipment. That these distinguished the present incumbent are evidenced by the fact of his election and the performance of routine and special



FLOYD SMITH,  
SHERIFF

work falling to his charge. Elected in the fall of 1894 after one of the most hotly contested political engagements of record in the county, by the largest majority ever given to a successful candidate. Prior to his election Mr. Smith had been for several years a member of the board of supervisors, so that the requirements of the present office were unfamiliar to him. Previously Sheriff Smith's education had been most comprehensive for a period of nine years. Sheriff Smith's father, Samuel Smith, came with his parents to Boone County from Chicago County, New York, at the age of thirteen years, in 1839, and thus has within his memory the pioneer and frontier days of the two extremes. His marriage to Miss Jennette Storms occurred in Belvidere. The subject of this sketch was born in this city January 16, 1855, where he has since resided, with the exception of a few years passed in farming, and two years' absence in Chicago shortly after the great fire. He was married to Miss Mattie E. Tucker at Belvidere July 24, 1889. He has one son of eighteen, by a former marriage. The business of the office



shored mills for Mr. Cox, Inc.'s at Belvidere, Ill. While, at the time of the Chicago fire, his next position was with Wesley Stewart & Co., in Lee county, with whom he remained for nine years. When the cottons of Rochelle de-sold to put in a water power, he was called upon Mr. Spenser to take charge of the construction and to superintend the operation. He remained in Belvidere, engaged by the City of Belvidere, for nine years, or until he was but four positions have been made in point to the work, but that is nevertheless the memorandum possible to be made by the great city of Belvidere. The people of Belvidere hold him high in their esteem and confidence, both as a citizen and an expert. Superintendent Spenser is a member of Belvidere Lodge A. F. & A. M., the Knights of the Glens, and the I. O. O. F.



JOHN THREN.  
BORN IN CHICAGO.

#### JOHN THREN.

A half million cigars are a minor manufactured and sold by John Thren in a single year. Mr. Thren has been in the wholesale and retail cigar business in Belvidere for ten years. He was born in Chicago thirty-eight years ago, and has the push and hustler characteristic of the Chicagoan. He has conducted the principal cigar and tobacco store of Belvidere for many years. Some movers aver that Mr. Thren's halting ten cent cigar "Solace" is not equalled by any other brand made. Mr. Thren was appointed Chief of Belvidere's fire department in the spring of 1899 and the city never made a better selection of fire marshal. He has great confidence in the future of Belvidere, and recently demonstrated it by investing five thousand dollars in two South State street business boxes, in which it has intention to build at an early date.

#### F. L. GOODRICH.

The National Sewing Machine Company has the good fortune to be supplied with the best talent in every department requiring the oversight of an expert. One of the most important of these positions is that held by F. L. Goodrich, the highly efficient purchasing agent, who associated himself with the big concern about four years ago. He is widely known as the inventor and promoter of the "Chicago" and "Standard" sewing machines, and is considered superior to anything of a similar nature on the market. These machines are now being largely manufactured by the National. The "Goodrich" attachment



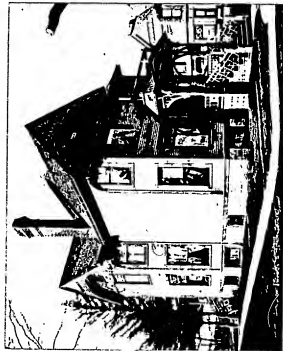
F. L. GOODRICH.  
112 B. CHICAGO, ILL. BORN IN CHICAGO, ILL. 1860.

are, by reason of priority of invention and excellence, standard articles, and as familiar to the trade generally as "Coca-Cola" to the grocer. Mr. Goodrich's father was a pioneer in this particular line, which the son took up and developed to its present importance. At the World's Fair the only medal and award given to exhibitors in this line was that for the Goodrich attachment. This affords a final proof of their superiority. Their new sewing machine is to make possible the description of the machine's work, in a hundred parts of this work in the time it takes to make one. It is a machine of the highest quality, and one of these specialties referred to. Mr. Goodrich has been engaged in manufacturing for eighteen years. He was connected for some time with the Goodrich Manufacturing Company of Chicago as secretary. This concern did a large and profitable business for a number of years. Now permanently identified with Belvidere

and its interests, and holding the most important relations with the National Company. Mr. Goodrich is a valuable addition to the business circles of the city, and with his inter-time family to its best social element.

#### HENRY W. AVERY.

This influential citizen was born in Ledyard, Conn., May 31, 1823. The founder of the family emigrated from Salisbury, England, in 1620, and settled at Gloucester, Mass. His father, Henry W. Avery, a soldier of the war of 1812, came to this county in 1831. His older brother, Rev. F. D. Avery, was pastor of the Congregational church at Columbia, Conn., for forty-five years. The



RESIDENCE OF F. L. GOODRICH

1877-1878

subject of this sketch left his eastern home for Illinois, Jan. 1, 1843, and in Elgin township, this county, purchased forty acres of land at a price of \$400. This small beginning constituted in a tract of three hundred acres. In 1851 he moved to Belvidere, where he has since resided. Mr. Avery has been twice married—to his first wife in 1844, who died in 1847, and to his present companion, Rachel P. McCool, of Carlisle, Pa., in 1848. His only daughter, Elizabeth, died in 1880, leaving three sons. In 1842 Mr. Avery joined the Congregational church at Ledyard, and three years later united with the Presbyterian congregation of his native town, which he has since continued to attend. He has also been secretary and treasurer of the Belvidere social society without intermission since 1876, and with but few lapses since 1882. His particular delight and success has been as a Sunday school worker, having been first elected superintendent of the Presbyterian school in 1846, and he has served

thirty-two years. He was for ten years president of the Boone County Sunday School Association. An evidence of the general confidence in his ability and integrity may be found in the fact that he has been intrusted with the care and settlement of many estates. He has been secretary of the Belvidere Farmers' Insurance Company for fourteen years, during which time the amount of risk has been increased from \$280,357 to \$2,012,255. He is president of the Belvidere Cemetery Association, and has also served as assessor, justice of the peace, supervisor and member of the school board. In 1857 the Presbyterial Society licensed him to preach, and he is frequently called upon to supply vacant pulpits, and con-



H. W. AVERY  
(1867-1878) 1878-1879

duct or aid on funeral occasions. Mr. Avery is a ready and forcible writer and fluent speaker, and has the esteem and regard of a community that recognizes the value of his public and friendly services.

#### GEORGE W. MURCH.

This enterprising citizen was born at Courtland, N. Y., January 19, 1820. His parents, Marum and Polly Murch, who remained in the state mentioned until 1861, then came to Belvidere, and resided with their son, G. W. Murch, until the time of their decease some years later. In 1849 Mr. Murch forsook the homestead and journeyed to the back-swing west, locating in Putnam county, Illinois, where he addressed himself for almost a year to business and land-clearing. With three other young men, in the spring of 1850, the second year after gold was discovered in California he started for the coast, walking to St. Joseph, Mo., and continuing thence by ox-team across the plains. After 110 days of travel he arrived at his destination and engaged in mining. Returning in 1852 to Putnam county via Panama and New York, he finally settled in Belvidere in 1852. Here he opened

a harness shop with his brother, L. H. Adding clothing and boots and shoes a few years later, and building and occupying with the same in 1857 a substantial block on the South side which was just beginning to reveal the possibilities of trade, they maintained both stores until 1874. At this time the possibilities were combined, the harness department closed and Mr. G. W. March continued the mercantile business alone until 1874 when he retired. He was married to Miss A. L. Ausden at this place in 1857. They have two children, Mrs. J. F. C. Dick now residing in California, and Mrs. Rev. A. W. Burton, at home. When in 1860 the project of removing the Jane Sewing Machine Manufactory of Chicago to this city was in the incipient stage, Mr. March was appointed chairman of the citizen's



W. S. BROWN.

committee having its meeting in Chicago. The soliciting of subscriptions to stock and donations, as well as other preliminary labor, were reported, and Mr. March's tireless efforts were largely instrumental in building the factory. He was elected vice-president and a director at the original meeting. The positions of trust filled by Mr. March have been numerous, notably those of treasurer, secretary, and city treasurer and member of the board of supervisors, and he has been elected to the People's bank since its organization. Mr. March has always been a leading spirit in enterprises of a public nature, active in church and social affairs, and as the front in business undertakings.

## W. S. BROWN.

One might search the country over and not find a man more eminently qualified, or one in whom more potent for the arduous duties of the position are more happily combined, than W. S. Brown, superintendent of the great and growing National Sewing Machine Company. This is a position no ordinary man could

fill. Indeed, were the superintendent incompetent, the results would be disastrous. Mr. Brown's connection with the National Company began eight years ago. He came here to accept a subordinate assignment, but upon its early discovery of his worth promotion to the position of master mechanic followed. As time wore on his services became more valuable, and subsequently, when advanced to the superintendency, it was simply a reward of merit—a promotion as deserved as wise on the company's part. He has been a remarkably successful president, and a genius in many respects. The company, and a community, and a State, and a nation, are all the better for the factory is admirable, and to Superintendent Brown, full of the spirit of his contribution to the general result must be given. W. S. Brown was born in

J. R. BALLIET.  
SUPERINTENDENT NATIONAL SEWING MACHINE CO.

Kellieville, Adams county, Ohio, in January, 1855. At various times he held positions in America and the State Sewing Machine companies. He was for four years with the National Sewing Machine Company, and for two years with the Thompson-Houston Company of Lynn, Mass., and for one year with the Thompson-Houston Company of Boston. Mr. Brown has a wife and interesting family. Mrs. Brown is an active member of the Presbyterian church. The Brown domicile on East Lincoln avenue is pleasantly situated, overlooking the river and South Division, and the plant to which all his energies are given.

## J. R. BALLIET.

Ranking high among the active business men of Indianapolis is the subject of this sketch. He was born in Texas, DeWitt county, February 26, 1846, his parents John and Hannah Balliet having there located in 1816, when the country



was sparsely settled. Having passed his earlier days on the farm, he attended school in Woodstock, McHenry county, Ill., after which he taught country school in his old neighborhood for three winters. In 1868 his fortunes were cast with the people of this city, where he engaged, in the Plains, Oregon and Sevier, Mo., line, and the writing of fire insurances, both of which he still continues to pursue. He built up a sound and prosperous business. He was married in 1854 to Miss Mary Peters, of Belleville, December 23, 1854. Besides attending to his regular business, Mr. Leard has found opportunity to devote considerable time to other pursuits. He has been active in organizing and putting in successful operation the Leard Electric Light Company, of which he has been secretary since its beginning.



M. G. LEARD.  
Photo by V. von.

He is also president of the Belleville Telephone Company, commencing business January 1, 1895, of which he was one of the original promoters. It has now over 200 subscribers. He is a stockholder in the People's bank, and largely interested in the National Savings Machine Company, of which latter corporation he has been one of the directors since its inception. His fraternal relations are with the Masonic order, of which he is a Master, and the Knights of Pythias. Of much prominence, manifesting application and capabilities, Mr. Leard stands among the leaders in the social and business circles of the city.

#### M. G. LEONARD.

Mr. G. Leonard, now retired, has been identified with the business and commercial interests of Belleville for nearly half a century. He was born in an early emigrant family, of French descent, in the town of Gloversville, N. Y., May 20, 1824. He attended the public schools at that place and St. Johnsville until seventeen years of age, and then entered the military school in

Oswego. On completing the course there he engaged in teaching in Oswego until 1846, when he emigrated west, settling in Belleville. The first thing he did was to secure forty acres of government land. Railroads were unknown here at that time and all produce was hauled to Chicago. Mr. Leonard, unmarked in the mercantile business, keeping a general store and continued operations in that line for five years, when he turned his attention to dealing in real estate and handling grain, also doing insurance and banking business. For forty years he was on the edge of the great river, and for the past few years has been in coal and wood. Twenty years ago he sold out his business, married Miss Marshall, still owns a desirable building and valuable real estate in the young Belleville. A son



GEORGE M. MARSHALL.

great occurred July 22, 1856, when Mr. Leonard's beloved wife passed away. Her maiden name was Mary Root. Two daughters born to them died within two days of each other in 1861. Politically Mr. Leonard is a Republican and has served as alderman and county superintendent of schools. He is one of Belleville's leading and honored citizens.

#### GEORGE M. MARSHALL.

Nothing succeeds like success. Among the young business men of Belleville none have been more successful than George M. Marshall. Mr. Marshall was born on a farm in Symmons, DeKalb county, Illinois, October 18, 1831, and received his early education in a district school, which he attended until he was sixteen years old, then he attended the Symmons high school for two years, after which he finished his education by taking a complete course in Chicago Business College, after which he lived in the city one year, acting as city collector for Marshall, Peck & Co. His father, Thomas Marshall, was one of the early settlers

of DeKalb county, and is today one of the largest land holders of that county residing at present on one of his farms in Spyanore township. Mr. Marshall has been engaged in the grain business for ten years. Four years ago Mr. Marshall located in Belvidere, and has never regretted that step. He first purchased a half interest in the old established elevator and coal business of M. G. Leonard. Two years ago Mr. Marshall's brother, Taylor Z., bought out Mr. Leonard's interest, and the firm is now Marshall Bros. They run a grain elevator which has capacity of 40,000 bushels, and have an extensive coal and feed trade. They own the large farm property at the corner of Whitney and Buchanan streets. George Marshall is a young man of great business capacity. His unpre-



GEORGE MARSHALL.  
PHOTO BY T. H. A. WOLF.

biased integrity and straightforwardness have won for him the esteem of all who know him. His parents Mr. Marshall is a Republican. February 3, 1860, he married Miss Mary Ann Taylor, daughter of S. Taylor, and three bright and interesting children grace his domestic home. They now reside, George, Griffith and Thomas. A few months ago Mr. Marshall became a member of the First Baptist church, on Pearl street, a property worth \$2,000. Both Mr. and Mrs. Marshall are members of the Belvidere Methodist church. He predilect a flourery future for Belvidere, and gave his faith to this city by branching out in business and investing in real estate.

#### OLIVER BECKINGTON.

Among the prominent citizens of Boone county Oliver Beckington has long maintained a leading position. He was born in the town of Springfield, this county, July 25, 1818. His parents, Thomas B. and Sarah Beckington, came direct to Bel-

videre from Somerset, England, in 1847, and settled on a farm in Springfield township. Oliver Beckington early in life adopted the business of merchandising, which he has constantly followed for over thirty years, his field of effort being at first in the vicinity of his home and afterwards Chicago. In the year 1849 he went to California, where he remained until 1871. While there he achieved marked success, visiting in the course of business nearly every prominent city in the state, and receiving a medal awarded him as the best salesman among thirty-seven competitors on the coast. Returning to the east he finally established himself in Belvidere, which has since been his home. He was married to Miss Rosa J. Roper, March 25, 1872. They have four children—one son, aged 13, and three daughters. In



OLIVER BECKINGTON.  
THE BROWN PHOTOGRAPH.

the fall of 1876 he made an independent fight for the shrievealty of Boone county, and it was one of the most closely contested on record. His majority was about four to one. The administration of affairs during the four years through which he was an incumbent of the office, was most energetic and capable, and a reflection would assuredly have followed but for the constitutional limitation. Mr. Beckington's business is still that of merchant, real estate, and the buying and selling, as he expresses it, of "things of value." His own is a well established business, and he is a member of the Belvidere State Bank. With a few exceptions, all of his customers are from Belvidere. Such is the reputation the sales here of a more important character involving large amounts, and because more like town meetings than ordinary vendues. There probably is not his superior in the successful conduct of sales of consequence in the western states, while his public spirit, energy and open-handedness entitle him to recognition as one of the most valued members of the community.

**WILLARD T. LONGCOR.**

Belvidere owes her progress and development in different lines, in a large degree, to the push and enterprise of her young men, and among them the name of Willard T. Longcor is conspicuous.

Mr. S. Longcor, father of Willard T., was born here in 1845, and was one of the city's first business men as well as one of her best beloved citizens. He was identified in the upbuilding of Belvidere in various ways. The L. S. Longcor business block on North State street was erected by him. He passed away December 8, 1901.



WILLARD T. LONGCOR.

The subject of this sketch was born in this city, August 17, 1872. His boyhood days were passed under auspicious skies, and he was not slow to take advantage of the splendid opportunities which fell to his lot. After taking a course in the public schools and graduating from the North Belvidere High School, he entered Lake Forest University, where he spent two years. Subsequently he became a member of the University of Chicago, taking the course of study antecedent to law and journals. From this institution he was graduated with honors in 1894. Returning to Belvidere, he assisted his father in the management of the business, and at the death of his father he assumed the active management of the business left by him.

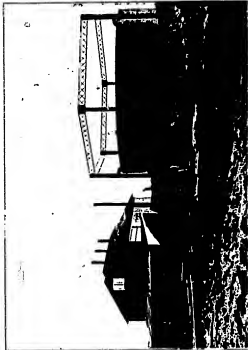
Mr. Longcor is financially interested in most of Belvidere's enterprises, and is also the holder of a large amount of valuable real estate in the city and Fox County. He was one of the organizers of the Belvidere Gas Light and Fuel Company, and is secretary of that corporation as well as one of its directors. Mr.

Longcor is alert and careful in his business dealings, and by his good financial policy and sagacity he won the respect and confidence of the community. He is a member of all the churches in the city, and is one of the trustees of the First Presbyterian church, and in politics he is a staunch Republican.

**BEVELIERE GAS LIGHT AND FUEL COMPANY.**

A gas plant in a city the size of Belvidere is now considered a necessity, and the works of The Belvidere Gas Light and Fuel Company amply attest this want. This company was incorporated April 1, 1896, and since that time has been steadily increasing its capacity.

The plant is one of the best of the kind in the country, thoroughly every part of the city, and consists of a total of eleven miles in actual service. The apparatus



THE BEVELIERE GAS WORKS.

used in making gas for the famous flintless type, the gas being obtained from 254 oil which is a refined product of crude oil. The apparatus consists of three generators, the necessary seals, scrubbers, condensers, purifiers, oil and water pumps, steam hoovers, etc. The company has one of the finest and largest gas holders west of Chicago, it having a storage capacity of 50,000 cubic feet of gas while the apparatus itself will produce 200,000 cubic feet per day. The oil storage tank has a capacity of 12,000 gallons. In addition to the regular apparatus the company has a station motor of the latest improved pattern at its works which registers the output of the gas from the plant.

Gas when used in connection with the Welsbach burner produces the finest artificial light known, it being far superior in quality to the incandescent electric and much cheaper. In fact it has been demonstrated in our city again and again that a 50 candle power light as produced with gas through a Welsbach burner can be had at one-third cost of the same power through an incandescent lamp. As used for heating and light heating gas is so good. It is cheaper than coal, wood or gasoline, besides being more convenient, clean, safe and reliable.

## BELVIDERE ILLUSTRATED.

Gas was first turned into the Company's mains October 11, 1893, and notwithstanding the factures of the season it has been able to now supplying a large number of consumers with gas for both illuminating and domestic purposes. The output for this year will reach nearly 10,000,000 cubic feet. The stockholders of the company are the following well known business men: F. S. Bowen, Real Estate Dealer, Belvidere; John L. Witbeck, Director First National Bank, Belvidere; W. C. Longor, Real Estate Dealer, Belvidere; Irving Trevellick, Cashier Second National Bank, Belvidere; Geo. H. Hurlbut, Ex-Mayor, Belvidere; John H. Witbeck, Vice President First National Bank, Chicago; Hon. Wm. J. Hurlley, Judge of the



BORN 1817.  
DIED 1897.

Appellate Court of Indiana, Rushville, Indiana; Geo. W. Campbell, Atty at Law, Rushville, Indiana; P. R. Kettner, Belvidere; Hon. Stephen D. May, Atty at Law, Chicago; Jesse Wheeland, Engineer, C. & N. W. Ry.

## JOHN C. LONGOR.

John C. Longor was born in Belvidere August 5, 1817. His father, Samuel Longor, came here in 1846, and was widely known all over the country; from the fact that he was the inventor of the famous "Diamond" plow, which had a long and successful career in the high school. For some years he was associated with his father in the manufacturing business, and subsequently he became identified with the drug trade. In 1854 he established a drug store on North State street, and since that time he has conducted a highly successful business. He carries one of the largest and most complete stocks in the city, and is

## BELVIDERE ILLUSTRATED.

regarded as one of the substantial business men who form the backbone of Belvidere.

Mr. Longor was married February 16, 1851, to Miss Eva M. Barker, who is one of the city's talented and accomplished women. She possesses a fine alto voice, is one of the prominent members of the ladies' lyceum, and leader of the Methodist choir. Mr. Longor is affiliated with the M. E. church, being one of the trustees. He is justly popular, and few citizens are more highly esteemed than he. He is fairly well supplied with this world's goods, a competence which he acquires by the conservative and careful business policy. His belongings are in the city of Wm. J. Hurlley, Judge of the First National Bank, Chicago; Hon. Wm. J. Hurlley, Judge of the city on West Lincoln avenue.



RESIDENCE OF FRANK TOUBLAY.

## ALD. WILLIAM H. DERTHICK.

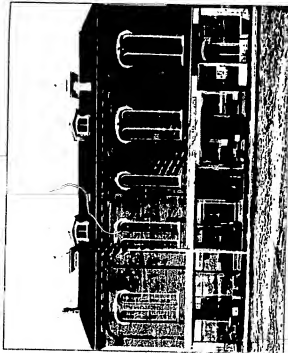
Alderman Dertthick was born in this city January 18, 1812. His parents, Nelson and Margaret Dertthick, came to Belvidere from Richfield Springs, N. Y., in 1837. After receiving a common school education Mr. Dertthick, at the outbreak of the rebellion, joined the contingent of ninety-day men sent to Freeport, which was mustered in by General Pope with Company B, Fifteenth Illinois Infantry, May 24, 1861. This was the first regiment of volunteers sworn into the service of the United States for the war. At the surrender of Vicksburg, engaged at Vicksburg Landing, where he was wounded; afterward at Vicksburg, where he received a gunshot wound in the knee and the hip, finally ending his military career. He returned to Belvidere, where he was elected to the State Legislature in 1863, and has since that time been an honorable member. Upon returning to Belvidere he learned the painter's and decorator's trade, and since acquiring it has, without exception, been his own employer. In 1871, during the rebuilding of Chicago, he obtained several large contracts and employed 125 men. Mr. Dertthick was the first to engage in article decorating west of Chicago, and his reputation is widespread. Churches, schools,

public buildings and residences of every degree illustrate the extent and variety of his work. The last and perhaps crowning effort is the elaborate alterations of the National's superb offices. As a builder Mr. Derlick has been conspicuous, even at a time when returns seemed doubtful, having received, occupied and sold over thirty-five houses, from the cottage to the mansion. When the June "Scoring Week" Company contemplated the transfer of its plant to Bellevue, Mr. Derlick was called upon to design and construct a new building, and also to manage the dining and outfit subscriptions. His energetic services contributed largely to the successful issue. Mr. Derlick was elected chairman from the second ward in 1890, and served one term. In 1891 he moved into the fourth ward, and was



W. H. DERLICK.  
PHOTO BY L. C. & S. W. P.

elected to fill the term now being served. Alderman Derlick has been an official of Harburt Post, G. A. R., of this city, since its organization. He was married in 1887 to Miss Charlotte Reed, who died in 1876, and on April 21, 1887, to Miss Lizzie Maryn. The children by his first marriage were Harry and Paul, now deceased, and Mrs. Fred and Mrs. Myer. Myer, of this city, and by the latter union Charlotte, now at the age of six years. One of the side enterprises undertaken by Mr. Derlick is the management of the Opera House, whose stock of \$17,000, with the exception of a fourth part, he owns. Large outlays have been made upon this principal place of entertainment, and its popularity quadrupled. As a progressive, public-spirited, capable citizen and official, Alderman Derlick stands among the first, and his constant and effective services receive high appreciation.



W. H. DERLICK'S OPERA HOUSE BUILDING.



INTERIOR OF W. H. DERLICK'S PAINT AND WALL PAPER STORE.

PHOTO BY L. C. & S. W. P.



Wright to the state legislature and kept him there for three successive terms. Subsequently Governor Oglesby appointed him one of the three postintendant commissioners, which by the way, was a responsible position but great honor attached to it as well. In this capacity he remained for four years.

Mr. Wright started the first agricultural implement business in Belvidere. He created several business blocks. One of those on South State street was destroyed by fire in 1882, entailing a loss of \$10,000 without any insurance, a serious loss for Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright is spending the evening of his life with as much freedom from cares as his business will permit. While he is at the head of the firm of O. H. Wright & Co., his son Omar takes the weight of responsibility from his shoulders.



RESIDENCE OF OMAR H. WRIGHT, JR.

He has large business interests in Belvidere which necessarily require attention. He is stockholder and director of the People's bank, and is the owner of considerable real estate. Mr. Wright has a cottage at Geneva Lake, Wis., where he spends the summer. He is a successful property man in Chicago. He has done more in his spare moments, raising large sums of money and well-deserve a rest. Mr. Wright is loved and respected by all who know him.

#### O. H. WRIGHT AND CO.

The firm of O. H. Wright & Son, dealers in lumber and coal, commenced operations in 1878, present location on Persant street, April 1, 1880. From the beginning success attended the enterprise, and the stock and facilities were increased, until now the heaviest and most varied demands are promptly met. June 1, 1882, John G. Tripp was admitted as a partner, the firm name changed to that of O. H. Wright & Co., and the buying of grain added to the business. Mr. Tripp's long experience in the grain market well qualified him for the management of this department. The offices and yards are located on both sides of the railroad track, one block west of 5th street, and cover an extended space of ground. Purchases

of lumber are made in large lots at the mills in Wisconsin and Michigan, of coal in Illinois, and other material at first hand. Nearly everything in the way of building material is on hand, with the addition of grain of all sizes. Flour, O. H. Wright, Sr., has a very extensive interest in the business, but the active management devolves on the other members of the firm, Mr. Wright, Jr., and Mr. Tripp. The high position attained by this firm is notable even in this city of commercial surprises.

#### OMAR H. WRIGHT, JR.

A partner in the firm of O. H. Wright & Co., was born at Belvidere in 1887, and graduated from the high school in 1884. In 1885 he was transferred and accepted a position in the purchasing department of the Illinois state penitentiary at Joliet, and remained there three years. Entering the lumber and coal business in 1890, his energy and talent contributed to the early placing of the enterprise in the van of successful business houses.

His education and training as an alderman, from the first ward in April, 1894, and re-elected in 1897, serving four years. He was among the organizers of the Belvidere Telephone Company, and is now its secretary. His marriage to Miss Sarah Burton took place at Belvidere, Ill., on February 10, 1892. They have one son. In the fall of 1894 he completed one of the largest and handsomest residences in the city, situated at the corner of State and 5th streets, in Highland addition, and was erected under plans from Frank H. Allen, a leading architect of Grand Rapids, Mich., at an expense of \$25,000. It was fitted with every convenience and elegantly furnished. Last November it was partially destroyed by fire, but immediately rebuilt. Mr. Wright is a representative of the younger and progressive type of merchants whose value in a growing city is highly estimated.

MR. WRIGHT  
IN HIS YOUTH.

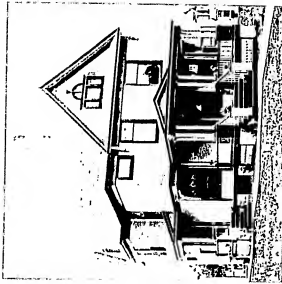
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#### H. H. RUBIN.

"Rubin's Bakery" has for many years been a household phrase in Belvidere. At one time almost the only establishment of the kind in the city, it has been enlarged, in keeping with the general progress, until everything in the line required by home-providers is now promptly supplied. It follows in this undertaking, as with most others, that a faithful adherence to the one special line ensures proficiency and the best resultant service. This was the policy adopted by Mr. Rubin years ago, and now followed. Mr. Rubin was born in Watertown, Wis.,



February 17, 1881. Receiving his education and learning his trade at Janesville, Wis., he came to Beloit in 1849, and obtained employment with W. F. Zeidler, who was at that time the leading factor of the town. In 1852 occurred his marriage to Miss Rosa Peavick. In 1857 he purchased Joseph Peavick's bakery, and now carries on business at Janesville. In 1857 the value of the extent to which provision is made for the public may be gauged from the statement that he uses about 2,500 sacks of flour, 100 barrels of sugar, and 20 acres of land annually. Mr. Rubin is Treasurer of Richman's Chapter, No. 20, A. O. U. M., and Past Grand of the local lodge of I. O. O. F. In 1891 the family resided at State



## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

and Jackson streets was completed, and it is noted for being one of the handsomest and most comfortable of the fine structures gracing that section of the city.

stock of furniture that is not excelled or equalled in variety, quality and prices in this section of the state, a fact that is being recognized and appreciated by not only his legion of patrons, but the public generally, and upon this hypothesis may properly be assigned the fundamental principle of his chief success and the enormous and profitable trade, which reflect credit upon his good discernment, that he so successfully succeeded in establishing in Belvidere. His stock of parlor and bedroom sets, the most modern and latest style, together with tables, chairs, sofas, desks, rockers, and in fact everything to be found in a first-class establishment of this character, is not only full and complete, but embraces such exclusive values



RESIDENCE OF F. C. WILLARD.

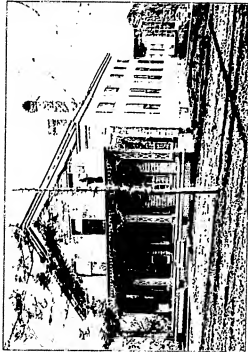
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His marriage to Miss Helen, daughter of Judge Samuel H. Garcia, of New York city, took place in 1877. Coming to Belvidere in 1869, he founded his present career. His children are: Mary Helen, May Garcia, Florence Annie and John Garcia.

Mr. Fong has always been an ardent Republican, and while never cringing to hold office, has yet consistently and with effect taken interest in political affairs. Few have shown a freer appreciation of the needs of the community and willingness to aid in forwarding every measure calculated to develop its resources. Prominent in business circles, church affairs and socially, Mr. Fong is highly esteemed, and has the confidence and regard of the public.



RESIDENCE OF JOHN F. FONG.

#### SABIN BROS., DRY GOODS.

For nearly forty years the dry goods store now conducted by Sabin Bros. was established at 17½ W. 23rd st., by the father, David D. Sabin, the firm being D. D. Sabin & Co. Subsequently H. E. Sabin took the place of the retiring partner, F. R. Sabin, and continued in the firm until 1871, when D. D. Sabin became sole proprietor. It was then that the firm moved to its present location, 17½ W. 23rd st. In a prosperous business, now owned by son, William F. Sabin, continued the business until 1888, when his son, Sidney A., was admitted as partner. In 1894 the firm Sabin & Son was succeeded by Eugene F. and Sidney A. Sabin Bros. Prior to this change Eugene F. Sabin had been identified for fifteen years with the large wholesale house of John V. Farrell & Co., and this wide experience gave him peculiar and fitting qualifications which gave added vigor to the business. Sidney A. Sabin, it may be said, "grew up in the business." After completing his school work he became associated with the business, and spent twelve years in the dry goods trade. The Sabin brothers make a team that is hard to equal. Their motto is "best quality always," and the term "The



FRANK W. PLANE.

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Very prominent among the older manufacturing establishments of this city, and indeed of the country, is the Plane Screen Door Manufactory. It was started by Mr. Plane in 1880. The entire product for that year was 2,500 doors. The increase in the output has been so rapid that the factory now ships annually requiring 200 cars. The factory is located on Pleasant street, and solidly built of stone. The average force employed

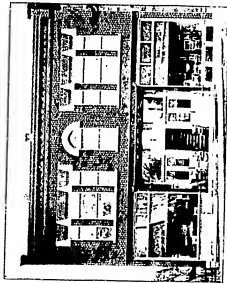
is twenty five, at the head of which is Millard Boyer, whose engagement began with the business. Window screens, wire cloth and hard ware specialties are also made and carried. Mr. Plane is a native of New York, and came to Belvidere in 1880. In the spring of 1905 the factory line was reconstructed at an expense of \$20,000. The service has all times prompt and reliable. Mr. Frank W. Plane was born in Belvidere, November 12, 1846. He is a son of John Plane, one of the oldest residents. At the age of twenty he entered his father's hardware store as clerk, and remained there until 1875. They have one child, a lad of eleven years. Himself and wife are connected



F. W. PLANE.  
Photo by W. L. Clark & Son.



Houses and great variety are considered indispensable. Probably the new building erected by Captain Humphrey on South State street is the most nearly in the state. It is 4130 feet in extent, two stories and basement in height, of brick and stone, with a heavily ornate front, and is one of the hand-somest business blocks in the city. It is filled with a stock from which may be equipped the plainest or most pretentious dwelling. The undertaking department carries a full line of funeral furnishings, and the details of embalming and burial are attended to in the most approved methods. Captain Humphrey was born August 31, 1810, at Danville, Virginia. His parents, Thomas J. and Caroline A. Humphrey, came to Boone county in 1816, and located on a farm ten miles south of Belvidere.

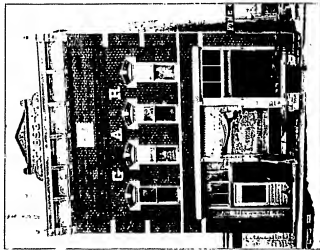


B. P. HAYS RES. N. AND W. HUMPHREY - HUMPHREY STORE

They emigrated from Ryedale, Ireland at an early date, and first went to Ohio, settling on a tract of land given his grandfather for services performed in the Revolutionary war, which was afterwards incorporated in list of cash. Captain Humphrey was the first at Beloit College, and took a commercial course in Chicago. He then married Mrs. Maria Newton in Flora, this county, December 25, 1842. He has five children, one son and four daughters, all of whom are married. His wife and youngest daughter, one son and four daughters, all of whom are married. For its share in the drainage of War Station. He was the first to introduce the Humphrey engine, used as a commercial traveler, farmer and his sons, as well as his brothers, assumed the rank of brigadier general, and another captain of cavalry, during the war. He is a member of DuPont Post, G. A. R., and of the M. W. A. Entrepreneur and public-spirited, Captain Humphrey keeps in line with the makers of modern machinery.

## WM. SEWELL.

In his own building, which by the way, is one of the best in town, Mr. Sewell conducts a carriage business on an extensive scale. His repository on North State street is a credit to Belvidere. Mr. Sewell was born in Calcutta, this county. His father was Isaac Sewell, one of the county's sturdy pioneers. Mr. Sewell learned the carriage making trade in Beloit, Wis., where he had considerable experience in this line. Prior to moving to Beloit he held the office of township assessor for Calcutta for several years. Coming to Belvidere about twenty



WM. SEWELL'S BLACK AND G. A. R. HALL.

FROM AN OLD PHOTO.

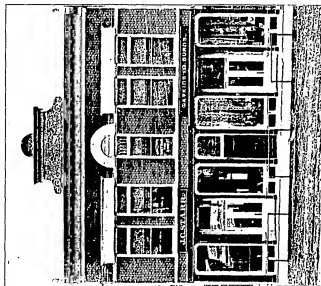
years ago, he was for six years the expert and right-hand man for Captain Heywood, one of the leading machinery dealers. He was full of vigor and enterprise and launched into business for himself. Few business men have been more successful. An evidence of this fact is the six-story building erected by himself, in 1892, on the second floor of which is the Grand Army hall and which with the necessary adjuncts covers eight acres. His special deals in the carriages, wagons, sleighs, and harnesses, and the improved horse-drawn and motor vehicles.

The North Belvidere school board, on which he is serving his second term, conferred an honor on him, and placed a great responsibility in his hands during the past summer. The magnificent new \$25,000 school edifice, a unit of which appears elsewhere, was constructed under his superintendency, he being at that time chairman of the building committee. Mr. Sewell is held in high esteem as a citizen.

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F. S. ROWAN.

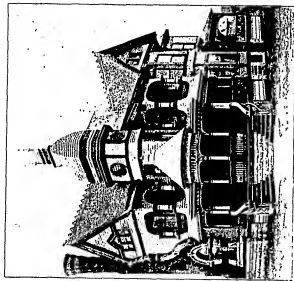
"Just say I'm in the real estate business," said F. S. Rowan when a representative of "Beauiere Illustrated" approached him. Mr. Rowan is modest, and dislikes too great a prominence. His magnificent residence shown herewith is a pride of the city. Mr. Rowan is president of the Gas Company, and a member of the South Beauiere school board. He is a man of high standing in financial circles, and is contributing his full share to the advancement of Beauiere. His real estate business is extensive.



THE WHITMAN-STARR BLOCK.

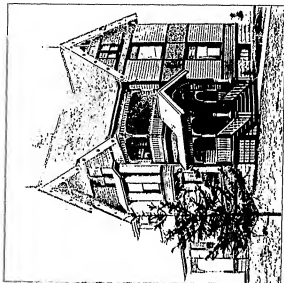
JOHN C. STARR.

John C. Starr has been in business in Beauiere for thirty-five consecutive years. He bears the proud distinction of being the second oldest business man in this city in point of continuous business activity. He was born in Whitehall, N. Y., in 1839, and lived there until his parents followed the western exodus in 1853. On October 13th of that year the family located in Beauiere. Mr. Starr, the father, was an expert harness maker and his son, John C., followed in his footsteps and became associated with him in business. After spending a year in Beauiere the Starrs moved to Forreston, Ogde county and then the head of the family embarked in the harness business. In 1869 John C. Starr who had always longed to get back to Beauiere, took up his residence in this city again and from that



RESIDENCE OF F. S. ROWAN.

FROM MR. CLARK'S PHOTO.



PROPERTY OF F. S. ROWAN.

FROM MR. CLARK'S PHOTO.

they he has not had the least thought of leaving Belvidere, where Mr. Starr has been prominent in one of the most modern and successful business blocks on South State street which he erected himself last summer. He carries one of the largest and most complete lines of harness in northern Illinois.

Mr. Starr has held several honorary offices in this city and has had much experience in local public affairs. He is a general and conservative business man, and is one of Belvidere's staunchest business men.

#### WATKINS AND BURNS.

Less than two years ago the gentlemen composing this firm opened a comparatively small stock of dry goods in one of the older buildings



T. F. BURNS.  
PHOTO BY ALLEN & SOTE.



T. F. BURNS.  
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on South State street, and their record has been one of uninterrupted attainment. At the present time occupying a most perfectly appointed storehouse in Northern Illinois, their sales are not exceeded by those of any other similar establishment in the city. The new location is in Central block, which was completed August 1, 1898, and upon which date the firm took possession of quarters especially fitted for business. The floor space is 25,000 sq. ft. The fixtures are of the most elegant and durable character, and include every modern method and the store is warmed and lighted by kerosene and gas. Ten clerks care for their immense trade. The stock carried is, foremost and quality, far beyond the average in a

city of this size. It is kept completely assorted by the modern method of frequent purchase. Under the three headings: Dry goods, carpets and cloaks, are included many subdivisions, all representing the most desirable products of the loom and workshop. The enterprising proprietors have achieved a success that is phenomenal, even in this day of rapid progression.

The senior partner of the above firm was born in the town of Flora, this county, December 17, 1836. His parents, J. B. and Ann Watkins, came to this part of the country, the former in 1842 and the latter in 1850. On their marriage they settled on a farm in Flora, where they resided for many years. Mr. E. J. Watkins, after completing his education, turned his attention to the dry goods business, beginning as a clerk in 1859, and reaching this position thirteen years.



RESIDENCE OF W. D. CORNWELL.

He was married in 1882 to Miss Ida E. Woodruff, of Belvidere. They have two daughters and one son, the latter of this year. Mr. Watkins is a member of the American Legion of Honor.

T. F. Burns, the junior partner, born at Belvidere, January 29, 1867. His parents, C. F. and Mary Barnes, came to Belvidere in 1863. He was educated at the public schools, and after a varied preparatory experience, settled down to the dry goods business, which he has followed for many years. His marriage to Miss Elizabeth Quinn, of Elgin, took place April 20, 1890. They have three children, the eldest a son of three years. He is the treasurer of the Home-Forger, a number of the M. W. A., and one of Belvidere's most progressive and successful merchants.

#### CORNWELL & CHAPPEL.

The members of this leading real estate firm began operations in February, 1893, and have since then prosecuted a most successful business. Their familiarity with both city and country property and skillful negotiation of deals, together with perfect reliability, have attracted a large clientele and resulted in mutual satisfaction.

tion and profit. Some of the largest transactions of the year have been consummated through their agency. They not only attend to the transfer of property, but negotiate loans, rent houses and stores, and perform every service related to the business. Their success is in perfect keeping with the progress of the city, to which they have in no small degree contributed.

#### WILLIAM D. CORNWELL.

was born at Bradford, Canada, March 27, 1834. He came to Illinois with his parents in 1845. His father was a member of a firm in Cheltenham township, and the son remained on the house-farm until arriving at the age of fifteen. He was



REV. J. G. BUCKENRAVE II.  
Pastor at Centre & 4th.

then spent retires to the usages of the trade for three years. In 1857 he located on the farm he still owns, in the township mentioned. He worked at his trade until 1867, when he went to California and engaged in the lumber business. In 1871 Mr. Cornwell followed his trade in Pueblo, and Denver, Col. On returning to this county he resumed residence on the farm, and prosecuted his trade until 1890, when he was elected county treasurer, and then moved to Belvidere. His marriage took place in 1871. His present wife was Miss Mary A. Graham. Both Mr. Cornwell and his wife are prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the former has rendered conspicuous service to the denomination as a lay preacher.

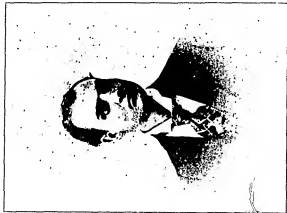
#### W. H. CHAPPEL.

Mr. Chappel, associated with Mr. Cornwell in business, was born in Stafford, New York state, April 16, 1842. He came to Boone county in 1855. Learning the carpenter's trade, he followed it until the earlier period of the war, when he

enlisted in Company "K," 95th Illinois, August 13, 1862. Performing the full three years' service, he was honorably mustered out. He was married to Miss Rosalita M. Corning in 1867. They have two daughters, one of whom is married. Their residence in Belvidere dates from the fall of '93. Mr. Chappel's business engagements have required his absence from the county for many years, but his arrangements are now such as to make a permanent residence possible.

#### WILLIAM H. PIEL.

W. H. Piel, who is styled "The Logan Avenue Grocer," is an example of how a pushing, energetic young man finds his way to the front. Six years ago he



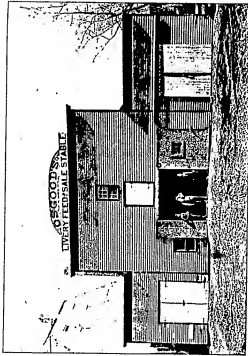
W. H. PIEL.

started in business with F. J. Evans, and for the past four years has been in trade alone. His grocery house is one of the most popular in town. It is located in a handsome new building with fine plate glass front, and these elegant quarters give Mr. Piel an advantage over some of his competitors. He carries a complete stock of groceries, and is running a successful business.

Having been educated in Belvidere, Mr. Piel is well acquainted. He has a reputation for honest dealing and fair treatment that is consistently maintained.

#### OSGOOD & ANDREWS.

Everybody in Belvidere knows genial Major R. E. Osgood. Years ago he established a livery business here. When the fierce struggle of the 60's began he enlisted in the 6th Ohio Cavalry and distinguished himself in service. First a private, then second lieutenant, later



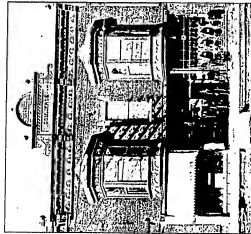
OSGOOD &amp; ANDREWS LIVERY.

PHOTO BY LEVIN &amp; SONS.

first lieutenant, next captain and finally major, his war record is a brilliant one and needs no eulogy.

After the war he came to Beaveride and bought out Woodard & Lease's livery. Since that time, thirty years ago, the major has stood

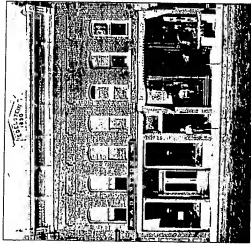
by Elliott Andrews, son of Isaac Andrews, who has made his home with Major Osgood for some years, was taken into partnership. Mr. Andrews is one of the husband-and-wife couples of the city and fresh produce was given to the business. Despite the bicycle, the major says the post year was one of the best he has ever had. He gives Mr. Andrews much credit for this. The livery business is conducted in good quarters in the rear of the large livery was built by Major Osgood in 1871, after fire had burned him out. Osgood Andrews are the best firms and are deserving of their prosperity.

COMMERCE BLOCK.  
PHOTO BY J. S. EDLSTEIN.

JACOB S. EDLSTEIN.

One of the most notable individuals in this community of the rapid rise to position and a consequent wealth. His beginnings is that of Jacob S. Edlstein. Born in Courland, on the coast of the Baltic sea, in 1857, he came to this country in 1881, and settled in the United States. Landing almost penniless, he maintained himself by strenuous effort. In 1885, when he came to Beaveride, he started in business in the same way. Everybody knew the members the little store on State street, crowded with inexpensive dry goods, and the always present and industrious proprietor. In 1884 he was married to Miss Johanna Berry. His assistants were reemployed, and in 1885 a large store-room was required, that selected being in the Ames block. In 1890 he built the Edlstein block, a handsome double-store structure, into one of which he moved. There for six years he conducted a flourishing business, and became one of the leading merchants of the city. Outside operations added to his means, and the Buchanan block was purchased as an investment. This building has recently been reconstructed and is a handsome modern one in appearance. The elegant residence now the property of Dr. Markley was built and occupied by Mr. Edlstein. — Mr. E.'s fine home is in the same neighborhood, where with his wife and three bright

J. S. EDLSTEIN.



THE EDLSTEIN BLOCK.

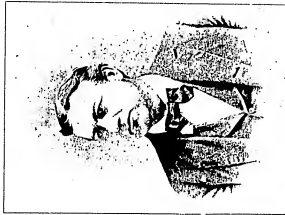


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children he intends taking life with more ease for a time, having retired from business early in the present year. Mr. Edinboro's parents are still living in the old country; and it is his plan, after their death, to visit them. The five brothers are each indebted to him for their start in business. Mr. Edinboro's success is but another illustration of the advancement that is possible in this country of boundless opportunity, and no other in like degree.

## C. N. SMITH.

C. N. Smith, the genial postmaster, has made an enviable record in Belleville. He was born in Bushnell, Ill., in 1832. In 1851 he came to this city and shortly



C. N. SMITH,  
POSTMASTER.  
BORN IN 1832.

afterward began the manufacture of cigars. Ever since he located here he has taken an active hand in politics and his good work for the democracy gave him the postoffice. Mr. Smith has made an excellent official and has accomplished more for the public than any of his predecessors. First the office was entirely remodelled and refitted, but the most important improvement in the mail service was the establishment of the free delivery system which was brought about directly through the efforts of the postmaster.

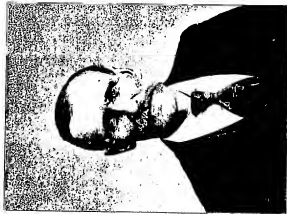
Mr. Smith is closely allied with the democratic leaders of the state and is generally on "the inside." He is a clever, affable gentleman and has many friends.

## HON. DU FAY A. FULLER.

Republican nominee for representative in the general assembly, was born in the town of Flora, in Boone county, about forty-four years ago. He has always

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resided on the farm where he was born, although as district manager of the National Life Insurance Company of New York, he has an office in Belleville. He is a son of Seymour and Eliza A. Fuller, who were among the early settlers of this county. What education he acquired was in the district school, and his early life was passed in such toil as is incident to a farmer's life. Mr. Fuller was the youngest son of the family, and the others, going early out into the world for themselves, seemed to render it necessary that Du Fay should remain at home. He has three brothers, James A., of Chicago, George H., a banker of Rockwell, Iowa, Charles H., of this city, and one sister, Mrs. F. S. Stockrell, of Cherry Valley. Mr. Fuller has been somewhat prominent in town matters in the town of Flora, and



HON. D. A. FULLER,  
MANAGER OF THE NATIONAL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

has for several terms held the office of justice of the peace and of township treasurer. It is a man of sturdy physique, of unimpaired character and of considerable business ability. That he fully estimates of those who know him best is evidenced from the fact that when he became a candidate for representative, at the primary election in his own town there was not a vote against him, and he had the enthusiastic support of all his neighbors. He is a member of the South Baptist church of Belleville, of which both his parents were also members, and is also a Mason, an Odd Fellow and a member of several other fraternal societies. In 1872 he was married to Miss Jennie Robinson, of Cherry Valley, who died in 1893. One child preceded Mrs. Fuller to the other shore.

Mr. Fuller is socially a gentleman, an honest and honorable man, whom it is a pleasure to know.



LUCIE WHEELER.

ham Lincoln's great speech on that occasion. When the *Standard* was established the railroad was completed to Huntley and the hand-press and lino-type were hauled by team from that place over muddy roads at large expense. At that time the south side of the river could boast of but two small frame buildings. From 1821 to 1840 the *Standard* was the only paper published in this county. The *Standard* first occupied a part of the building now known as Wing's drug store, on Madison street, but was removed to the same place in 1841, and in the same year to a wooden structure on Lincoln avenue, just across State street. In 1854 the brick block on the corner, in which was then the post-office, was destroyed by fire, which also partly burned the

### THE "STANDARD."

The *Standard* was established in 1831 by Ben. A. Roberts, its present proprietor. It was not quite the first paper printed in Boone county, as about 1818-50 a venture had been made by a Mr. Swaw, which was entitled the *Belvidere Republican*. Its existence was brief. The *Standard* was at first Democratic in politics, and continued in that faith until the breaking up of parties on the free-soil basis, when the Whigs and free-soil Democrats united and formed the present Republican party. It has since avowed Republican principles. Mr. Roberts and Elder L. W. Lawrence were delegates from Boone county to the first Republican convention at Bloomington, and listened to Abner

### BELVIDERE ILLUSTRATED.

building tenanted by the *Standard* office. The printing outfit was then moved to a building opposite the *American House*, but shortly after transferred to the brick building now occupied by the *Standard*. The *Standard* is now in its forty-fifth volume. Its present editor has been at the helm through all these years, and has witnessed the growth of the city. Mr. Roberts was born in East Hartford, Conn., in 1822, and, after serving his apprenticeship in New York City, came to Chicago in 1843. He first learned in Woodstock, Ill., to print there the *Woodstock Democrat*, and from thence removed to Belvidere.



A. H. KEELER.

### ALSON H. KEELER.

Alson H. Keeler, senior member of Keeler & Trinit, publishers of the *Belvidere Northwestern*, was born in this county in 1834. His residence here almost continuously, and therefore needs no introduction to the people of Belvidere and Boone county. He acquired his early education in the common schools, afterwards being a student in the North Belvidere schools, and at Beloit College. He has been connected with newspaper work and the printing business since 1875, in the various capacities from "devil" to editor. In the spring of 1888 he assumed sole proprietorship of the *Northwestern*, and did not part with any of this valuable property until last fall (1895), when Mr. Charles R. Trinit secured a half interest in the paper, and Mr. Keeler still owns the fine building in which the *Northwestern* is published, and in which he conducted that especially for the business.

Incidentally it may be mentioned that the *Northwestern* ranks high among the leading country journals of the state.

Mr. Keeler was married in 1889 to Miss Edith A. Swaw, daughter of

MARY ROBERTS,  
WIFE OF ALSON.

## BEYVIDERE ILLUSTRATED.

the late Hon. Samuel Sneyer. They have one son, Laurence S., born December 23, 1882.

## CHARLES R. TRUITT.

Charles R. Truitt, one of the editors and proprietors of the *Northwestern*, was born on a farm in Montgomery county, Illinois, in 1858. He was educated in the public schools, at the Hillsboro Academy, and graduated at Williston Seminary, Southampton, Mass., and at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa. While at Williston Seminary, he took the second prize for excellence in oratory. After leaving school, he taught for a few years, being assistant principal of the Hillsboro High School for two years. Having a liking for journalism, he purchased the



C. R. TRUITT.

Hillsboro *Journal* in 1881, and after publishing it successfully for thirteen years, sold it and held the office of township registrar for ten years, during that time he held the office of township registrar for ten years, and was also a director in and president of the Hillsboro Building and Improvement Association. In 1889 he was appointed United States Postmaster and Director of Internal Revenue for the Eighth Illinois District. Mr. Truitt has always been an ardent Republican and has represented his party at state, congressional and national conventions. He is a member of the Old Farmers and Modern Woodmen. He is married and has a family of three children. He is a member of the Illinois Postmaster Association, and was for a number of years correspondent for such metropolitan papers as the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, *Chicago Tribune*, *After Hours* and *The Northwestern*. In October, 1893, he purchased a full one-half interest in the *Bevelvire* *Northwestern*, one of the most prominent and influential Republican journals in western Illinois, and now considers himself fully identified with the interests of Boone county.

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N. M. YOUNT.

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The oldest photographic establishment in Bevelvire is that of N. M. Yount. It has been in the career, brief or extended, of nineteen other similar enterprises. Its persistent adherence to a line once marked out exemplifies the truth that persistence and faith in a thing usually lead to success. This extended business life is also a tribute to the artist's industry and hard work. Mr. Yount was born in Treston, Ohio, May 10, 1847, but acquired the rudiments of the art during a sojourn of several years in Philadelphia, where his studies were prosecuted under McKees, a noted German art photographer and etcher. He came to Bevelvire in 1879 from Indiana.

His experience in picture-making covers a period of thirty years, and includes the work of every known style and of every known process. This constant application has resulted in perfect familiarity with all improved processes; and the adoption of the newest ideas of value as developed by the specialists of the profession is a practice regularly followed. His studio on State street contains many illustrations of the finest effects produced by late

AT THE MOUTH OF THE KISHWAKEE RIVER.  
TAKEN BY N. M. YOUNT.



V. L. CLARK

## CLARK AND NOTT.

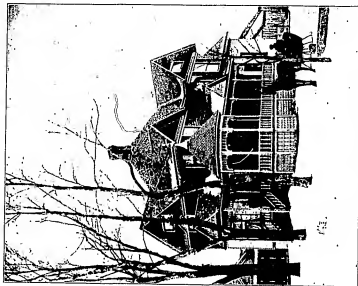
The members of this representative firm have been extensively engaged in the photographic business for the past four years. They have two galleries—one in this city and one at Marengo. That in Marengo is managed by Mr. Nott, and was opened two years ago. The gallery in Beauvriere has been in operation since 1898, and is supervised by Mr. Clark. Their experience has been one of uniform success, which is very largely due to the quality of the work produced and the artistic taste exhibited. Every detail of picture-making from the taking of the negative to the finished transfer is the result of facilities pertaining to their establishments. Outside aid is never needed. Only the best au-

thorities Mr. Younlt's speciality is that of portraits, a number of these recently taken appearing on these pages. He also accepts commissions for outside and interior work on building thoroughly polished, thoroughly well-schooled artist, with taste and judgment. Mr. Younlt may be well assured of public appreciation. His marriage to Miss Lydia M. Longcor, youngest daughter of the late Samuel Longcor, took place in Beauvriere January 1, 1890. A couple of years ago the fine residence on Marlboro avenue was completed, and is an acquisition to that street of beautiful homes. He is formerly a member of the Old Fellows, Knights of the Maccabees and United Workmen.



J. H. NOTT.

terials are used, the paper being of the first quality and given the new "Planchette" finish, so popular now. The gloss surface makes the pictures waterproof, and is the only process ensuring durability. Many of the subjects illustrated in this volume are evidence of their skill and thorough methods. A lament of this is the great attention is paid to that of water-color portraits. The examples of this are almost on display are expensively beautiful. The flashlight is used with great frequency on interior views, while landscape and exterior work is made a specialty. The firm also deals largely in



RESIDENCE OF P. B. ROWAN.

FROM P. B. CLARK'S PHOTO.

cameras, amateur's supplies and frames. Provided with all useful accessories, and devoting their entire time to the study and developing of the art, the utmost satisfaction necessarily follows every order.

## DR. F. B. ROWAN, D. V. S. AND V. D.

Dr. Rowan is an honorary graduate of the Chicago Veterinary College, and has practiced his profession in this city for about seven years. Conveniently located at 153 Ogden street, his services are in constant demand by those who appreciate humane methods and skillful treatment when applied to man's noblest



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township just named, September 16, 1883. He was married to Miss Corn Belle Chen, September 1, 1922, at Muskegon, Mich. Their children are Violet Louise, September 1, 1922, the eldest not quite three years of age. He is a member of the Masonic, Elks, Royal Arcanum and Knights of Pythias. With pleasant home environment, an excellent social acquaintance and a prosperous business, Mr. Wheeler occupies an enviable position among the leading and enterprising merchants of the city.

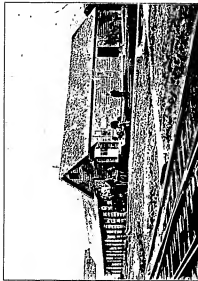


A. F. WHEELER.  
OWNER OF LARK & JONES.

## THE BELVIDERE STEAM LAUNDRY.

This extensive plant, opposite the National Manufacturing, has been successfully operated by the present proprietors for over five years. The amount of business transacted, coming from every part of the city, is such that each year, and now requires the constant employment of a large force. The amount of work done is the most modern description, several new machines having recently been added, and the greatest care is taken to turn out work which will equal that demanded in the large cities. All materials from the coarsest cotton to damask-lace are accepted, and laundered in the finest style. The system is now so perfected that an order can be filled, in case of necessity, within two hours. The collection and delivery of the laundry is always prompt and reliable. Miss Alta Miller, the proprietor, has followed her husband's business for over twenty-five years, fifteen of which were passed in Chicago. From that city she came to Rock Island, coming from the latter place to Belvidere. Possessing with every talent, gathered in this extended experience, ensures the perfect finish of consignments from families and individuals, and the satisfaction of every patron.

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GRAY & MORSE'S COAL YARD.

## GRAY &amp; MORSE.

Three years ago last fall J. B. Gray and S. E. Morse founded a partnership in the grain and hay business. So marked was their success in that line they determined to branch out, and a few months ago added coal and feed to the goods carried. A feed warehouse 24 by 60 and coal sheds 18 by 80 were built, thus making it a valuable property and affording abundant facilities.

Mr. Gray is fifty-one years old and was a farmer living north of town for twenty-nine years. Mr. Morse was born north of the city forty years ago. He remained on his father's farm until a comparatively recent date. The firm has always employed a good team, and being the best of kind, has been able to handle the heavy loads. They are upright in their dealings and making new friends every day.

## LEWIS H. STURGES.

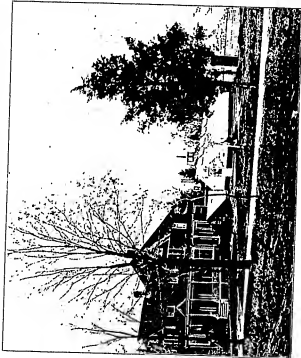
Lewis H. Sturges has made an enviable reputation, as an architect, in Belvidere. He came from Rockford three years ago. A skillful architect is a valuable acquisition to a growing city, and it did not take Mr. Sturges long to demonstrate his ability in this line and build up a fine



LEWIS H. STURGES.

## BELVIDERE ILLUSTRATED.

patronage. One of his first essays was the drawing of plans for the Murch and Pettit block, one of the handsomest business structures in the city. Other business buildings for which he furnished plans are the P. R. Knealy block, the Eastern Hotel, and the city—the Capt. Hick's house on Pearl street—was planned and built by Mr. Sturges. Another fine house for which he drew plans is the H. F. Boring residence on Whitney street. Besides the above mentioned structures he has furnished plans for scores of other buildings, and in every instance has given satisfaction. Mr. Sturges is also a contractor and builder. He began the following of this trade early in life, and there is no more expert carpenter and builder in Bel-



S. PEPPER'S RESIDENCE AND GREEN HOUSES.

PHOTO BY CLARK &amp; SONS.

videre. He is close and careful on estimates and captures many important jobs. Mr. Sturges was born November 3, 1820, in Mt. Morris, N. Y., and came with his parents to Lindwood, Ill., in 1831, when six months old. He was married February 28, 1844, at Rockford, Ill., to Miss Anna Wagner. Mr. Sturges is successful in his chosen calling, and his business, especially in the architectural line, is increasing at a gratifying rate.

## S. PEPPER.

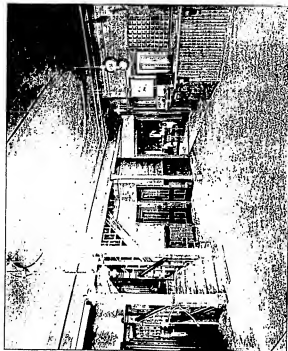
The North Side florist, came to Belvidere in 1831. In 1842 he enlisted in the service of the United States with Co. "G," 45th Regiment Illinois Volunteers. After participating in many of the notable campaigns of the war, he was honorably discharged August 17, 1863, and returned to Belvidere. In 1869 he embarked in the business of floriculture, being the first to make "specie" of this line in Boone county. From small beginnings the facilities were gradually

## BELVIDERE ILLUSTRATED.

extended until now his three large greenhouses and extensive hock-hedding plants cover a block. Just north of the court house, with the exception of a plot reserved for a landscape, the display of colored roses, plants and foliage of every description is at all times complete, and he is in constant readiness to furnish cut flowers and designs for parties, weddings and funerals. That his efforts to adequately serve the public are appreciated is evident from the very large patronage enjoyed.

## GROGAN &amp; DENNEY.

This popular firm, composed of J. F. Grogan and J. C. A. Denney, commenced business at the corner of State and DuSennet streets in October, 1892. In



OFFICE OF THE JULIEN HOUSE.

BELVIDERE'S LEADING HOTEL.

PHOTO BY CLARK &amp; SONS.

1896, finding that the quarters occupied were wholly inadequate to properly house their increasing stock, they removed in August to the present, fine location on the west side of the street first named. They deal exclusively in boots, shoes and rubber goods, and carry the most extensive lines in the city. Their specialty is the finer qualities in every width and shape, although consumer grades receive due attention. The shoes carried are made to order by manufacturers whose reputation for the best work and newest styles is established. A short time ago the firm purchased a lot and building a few doors north of the present store. It is the intention to remove the building and erect a fine block, fitted particularly for their business. Mr. Grogan and Mr. Denney reside at P. O. Leavenworth, Kansas. That they understand the requirements of a first-class stock is evident from the character of the stock, its extent and display, and their enviable success as merchandisers.

## BELYIDERE ILLUSTRATED.

## C. D. MULFORD.

Mr. Mulford's residence in Belyidere began at a comparatively recent date, that of January 22, 1892. He then opened a large store of jewelry, watches, clocks and silverware, and is permanently located in a house on the north side of South State street. It was born at Cherry Valley, Ill., October 8, 1810. His people were from New York state, whence so large a portion of the early settlers of this vicinity emigrated. After attendance at the public schools of Rockford, where his education was completed, he mastered every detail in the trade of a watchmaker and jeweler, and considers this the permanent and business of his life. Finishing a three years' sojourn on the Pacific coast, in charge of a leading horological resort at Foley, he returned to Illinois. He was joined in marriage with Miss Ora, daughter of W. F. Allen, at her home in Flora, this county, August 17, 1862. They have one child, a promising boy. A member of the National Y.M.C.A., he finds fraternal welcome. Mr. Mulford is a gentleman of conservative views, selecting that the quieter but dependable methods of business will always win out and retain the confidence of the public, and is a type of that valued younger element which infusing life and energy into the commercial and social circles of this progressive city.

## MISS L. MAE BLOSSOM.

Purveyor of an extensive millinery establishment on South State street, first called her attention to this specialty of creative art early in life. Becoming an adept, she left her home in Rockford, and went to Chicago, at Morrison, this state, and, after remaining there for a time, came to Belyidere about three years ago, where she has since been engaged in business. The large stock of millinery, and in material, now carried indicates rare taste and care in selection, and the thought as to all the purchases made, from only leading and reliable houses. Her taste and distinctive style-adapted to individual requirements. With the particular object in mind of furnishing the newest fashions as the seasons come, and employing none but skilled assistants, her very marked success is amply accounted for.

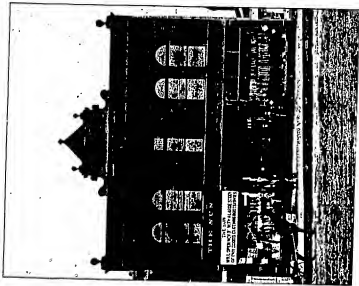
## UNITY BUILDING.

The splendid structure illustrated on next page, and located on North State street, was erected in 1883 by Messrs. Witbeck & Kollig. It is not surpassed in location in expense by any other in the city, and excels in solidity and thoroughness of construction. The interior is arranged for stores, offices and flats. The finish and appointments are of the finest and most modern description, and the building is one of the notable adornments of Belyidere's business streets.

John L. Witbeck, one of the joint owners, although now residing in the city, is still engaged in farming on an extensive scale. He was born in Adams, Wis., February 13, 1842. Mr. Witbeck was married to Miss Marietta Olmsted of Belyidere in 1864. They have five children. May, Oliver, Alice, Edna and Irene T. Shortly after his marriage he assumed the management of the property, his father removing to Belyidere. Land was added and improvements made, and this 220 acres is now one of the most valuable farms in the county. In 1882 he occupied the honor of being mayor of Belyidere, his father having died some years ago. Mr. Witbeck's time is largely given up with other financial interests, and he is a director in the First and Second National banks.

## BELYIDERE ILLUSTRATED.

John L. Kollig, his associate, was born in Iowa, and is forty-five years of age. For the past ten years he has been a resident of Belyidere, but in the fall of last year removed with his family to Ramsey, California, where a fine fruit farm is being their occupancy. He was married at Sycamore, this state, to a daughter of the town. Mr. Kollig is a veteran railroad conductor, having been engaged in that position for over twenty-five years, his last connection being for a long period with the Chicago and Northwestern.



THE UNITY BLOCK.

PHOTO BY CLARK &amp; WELT.

## F. W. STARR.

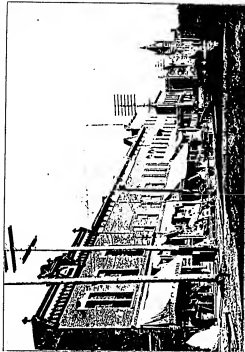
Two years' experience in the hardware line has convinced F. W. Starr that he is at last fixed into the right niche. Perhaps the reason why he is so confident is that he has had two years of great prosperity, the past one having been phenomenally so. He has sold tons of stoves, and put in no less than sixteen thousand dollars in business, certainly an enviable record for a new establishment. For the first time he was in the wholesale and retail oil business. Mr. Starr foresaw the future of Belyidere in time to make a small fortune in the real estate business. Some years ago before the city began its remarkable growth he plotted Hinsdell & Starr's addition and reserve, F. W. Starr's subdivision and second sub-



division, all in the southwest part of town. Here he has already disposed of between 200 and 300 tons, but still has left some of the best for the fair season. Although Mr. Starr is a native of Englewood, Ill., he has settled in Belvidere since infancy. He is a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, being one of its official board.

#### W. W. BRITTAN.

"Always at the Frog!" is the motto of W. W. Brittan, whose livery goods are known in nearly every home in Belvidere. Mr. Brittan has been in the livery trade in Belvidere for over seven years. Each year his business increases, proving



SOUTH STATE STREET, LOOKING SOUTH IN BUSINESS SECTION.

the popularity of his goods. Two delivery wagons are run around the city and he keeps them busy to cover the routes. Mr. Brittan recently purchased a lot on North State street and will build a fine livery establishment. In connection with his livery he conducts a restaurant and confectionery, and commands a large patronage. He is enterprising and progressive and has scores of friends. In short, he is one of the most successful young business men of Belvidere.

#### WILLIAM M. SAWYER.

The term "jewelry" is rather comprehensive when applied to the general stock of today. So great is the variety of articles combining artistic form with practical value, that the designation covers many departments. At a central location on South State street William M. Sawyer conducts one of the most successful enterprises of this kind in the city. The stock carried has been selected with much care and includes everything desirable in watches, clocks, silverware, optical goods, art, novelties and fine jewelry. What requiring always a leading feature of the retail business, is given special attention, while the rule in regard to prices is to place them at the lowest point consistent with good business. Mr. Sawyer is a son of James W. and Reta D. Sawyer, and was born in St. Louis,

Mo., October 6, 1869. His father came with his parents to Cook county, this state, in 1836, from Stockholm, Vt. In 1860 he went to Wisconsin, and at the breaking out of the war enlisted in the First Wisconsin battery. On his discharge he hunted at St. Louis, remaining there until 1874, when he came to Belvidere and embarked in the lumber business. In 1876 he was elected circuit clerk of this county, and re-elected in 1880, but died in 1884, a short time prior to the expiration of his term. Mr. Sawyer will be remembered as an exceptionally intelligent man, the subject of this sketch has been in business for himself only four years, but in that short time has built up a trade which compares favorably with that of older houses, and is constantly increasing. He was mar-



WILLIAM M. SAWYER.  
Photo by Clark & Son.

ried to Miss Linnia Macdonald, of Belvidere, October 2, 1892. They have one son, James Donald, born March 20, 1896. Mr. Sawyer is fraternally connected with the Sons of Veterans and Royal Arcanum.

#### SENNEFF & PILE.

The addition to the merchants of Belvidere of such an enterprising firm as Senneff & Pile gives us a confectionery, fruit and cigar store which will be equal to a city five times as large. Less than a year ago this firm moved here from Chicago. Their place is fitted up in elegant fashion, the fixtures alone costing a small fortune. The soda fountain is a magnificent adornment. Senneff & Pile handle a line of fancy candies of their own make that few stores can equal. They also handle one of the largest lines of choice cigars in town. In fact they run their business in Chicago style, and the people point with pride to their store. Besides

manufacturing fancy candies for the wholesale as well as the retail trade they make tea cream of the most delicious kind. The firm has a store in Dixon, Ill., and both are run in metropolitan style. Mr. Pile has charge of the Beveldere store, and although not one of the old business men of the city, he has already established himself firmly in business Beveldere. He is an expert candy-maker, and it will not be long before Beveldere candy will be known all over this section.

#### REICHERT BROS.

At the corner of State street and Logan avenue is one of the most complete hardware establishments in the city. The proprietors, Reichert Brothers, came here about two years ago from the east, and have demonstrated that they know how to conduct a first-class hardware store. The members of the firm are H. H. and Chas. T. Reichert, both of whom have had ample experience in this line.



F. S. PIEL.

#### F. S. PIEL

At the corner of North State street and Lincoln avenue is a popular grocery establishment whose proprietor is F. S. Piel. Mr. Piel was born and reared in Beveldere, and therefore has a wide acquaintance. His father, Richard Piel, was one of the oldest settlers. Eight years ago he embarked in the line of business since followed, and his trade has kept pace with the growth of the city. Long experience, good judgment in purchasing and fair dealing have attracted a desirable and extended list of customers. Mr. Piel's confidence in the future of Beveldere is manifested in the constant increase of stock. His business and social standing is high, and he is to be numbered among the younger and enterprising merchants who have been the principal factors in the city's later advancement.

#### MOSES LUCAS

Is one of the reliable and well-known citizens of Beveldere, whose acquaintance, from long residence and frequent contact with the people, is coextensive with the limits of the county. He was born in Iowa, this county, June 1, 1851. He was a son of Horace and Elizabeth Lucas, who came from the East to Boone county in 1826, this date marking them as among the earliest pioneers, and

settled on a farm in Iowa. An elder brother was the second child born in this county, one other making him but two or three months. In 1869 Mr. Lucas left the farm and cast his lot with the people of Beveldere. He engaged with E. W. Case the grocery dealer as clerk, and remained with him for a consecutive period of fourteen years. Upon terminating this connection he followed the avocation of farming for some years, but finally began business for himself in feed and grain, and is now located on South State street. Mr. Lucas was married to Miss Nettie Lane of this city. They have one son, Bert R., now in the employ of the *Northwestern*. The elegant new home on Pearl street has recently been completed and occupied by the family.

WILHELM HAMMON.  
BEVELDERE'S "PHYSICIAN" HEALER.

#### HAMMOND, THE HEALER.

Beveldere has been widely advertised by Wilhelm Hammon, the healer, whose marvellous cures have astonished all who have heard of them. Many refuse to believe that Hammon can heal by his magnetic touch, but the recorded cases of Hammon was born north of the city on a farm. He has always taken a deep interest in scientific matters. Not until about a year ago did he discover his power of healing by his magnetic touch. He is now controlled by a deceased German physician. Patients from far and near flock to Beveldere to be "treated" by the healer.

#### A. SCHERRER.

Manager of the Scherrer Tailoring Company, one of the leading outfitting establishments of the city, is A. Scherrer, born in Wisconsin, Aug. 3, 1856. Subsequent to a trial of various locations he came to Beveldere, where, within seven years ago, and for several years had charge of J. M. Gissner's tailoring establishment. His present quarters are on North State street, in the Opera House block, where, with fine assortment of foreign and domestic wools and the most competent workmen, he caters to those inclined to obtain the best in ordered garments at reasonable prices. Mr. Scherrer is a charter member of Boone Club 51, M. W. A., 2724 commander

of Kishwaukee Tent City, K. O. T. M. He is also one of the trustees of the First Presbyterian church, of which he is an active member. He was married to Miss Ellen Fisher in 1886, at Clyde, New York state. They have two promising children, a daughter and son.

#### JONES AND WINNIE.

This enterprising firm is among the newer additions to the commercial interests of Belvidere. Opening last fall a complete stock of groceries in the Longcor block, on North State street, it attracted by the extent and variety of the display a large patronage and high increase at once familiarized the public with its methods of transacting business. While the lines include everything required by the



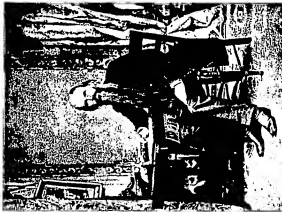
A. J. WALKER.  
FROM BELVIDERE A. NET

patrons of a first-class grocery establishment, a special effort is made to furnish the fine goods of tea and coffee, together with various delicacies, as audacious as the most difficult to obtain in desirable brands. In addition to the most reliable mills and guaranteed the very best on the market. Sifted, cannot goods and fruits in their season receive particular attention, and are always first in quality. The senior partner, Mr. S. J. Jones, was formerly in the same trade here, but a number of years since went to Dakota, where he engaged in farming, some time ago returning to Belvidere. His experience for many years in the line again taken up, will be mutually valuable to himself and the customers of the house. He was a soldier in the late war, and is a member of Harburt Post G. A. R., this city. Mr. A. Whittle, his business associate, comes from New York state, and has every qualification requisite in an enterprise of this kind. The purpose of the firm is to win the confidence of the community in the reli-

ability of the producers they offer, their good faith in dealing with customers, and disposition to be honest of the lines in character of stock and a low range of prices.

#### CHARLES E. KELSEY.

Mr. Kelsey is one of the veteran publishers and music dealers of Belvidere. Born in Clinton, Conn., in 1824, and in early years developing a talent for musical interpretation, he was, at the age of eighteen, appointed organist of the church in his native town. From that time until about six years ago he has served various organizations in this capacity. First visiting Belvidere in 1858, he shortly afterwards returned, and was united in marriage to Miss Ellen E. Tomkins. She was a daughter of Elias Tomkins,



C. E. KELSEY.  
FROM BELVIDERE.

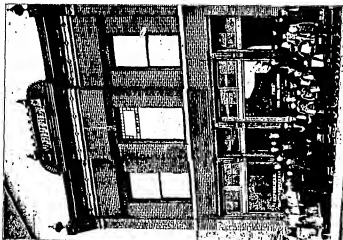
one of the early and prominent citizens of Belvidere, now deceased. The first stock of junior organs brought into this county was consigned to Mr. Kelsey, in 1858, he dealt with the Rev. Mr. Webster, the senior organist of Belvidere. Later, Mr. Kelsey purchased Mr. Webster's interest, and afterward took as partner Charles A. Church. The new firm continued the publications for several years, when the senior partner retired, and opened an office for commercial printing. Last year he formed a partnership with Mr. Mark M. Jones of Chicago—a gentleman of considerable business experience as teacher, power, and dealer—and a line of pianos and organs was added to the printing department. Mr. Kelsey is an inventor as well as practical ventor, self for printing thirty separate colors at one impression. It is a high Mason, and has served the local organization in an official capacity for many years. Gentle, energetic and patriotic—with special reference to progressive Belvidere—Mr. Kelsey enjoys the reward of continuous faith and effort in the confidence of the public and regard of a wide acquaintance.

#### NEW YORK CONDENSING CO.

The New York Milk Condensing Company established a branch in Belvidere over a year ago, and fifty men are now employed at the factory. The company built a plant costing about \$75,000, it being one of the finest in the west. It has proved a boon to the farmers who never before got such prices for their milk. J. H. Southard is local manager and has made many warm friends since coming to Belvidere. He is thoroughly competent for the work, and has the confidence of all with whom he has business transactions.

## THE DAILY REPUBLICAN.

THE DAILY REPUBLICAN prides itself on being one of the most successful country dailies in this state. The paper is an eight column folio and is liberally patronized by the people of Belvidere. Three years ago A. U. Keder and Frank T. Moran handled the first successful daily ever published in Belvidere. Mr. Moran retired from the firm nine months later, and after a year's work in Rockford journalism returned to Belvidere and purchased a half interest in the *Boone County Republican*, then published by C. U. Seiders, the new firm bought the daily of Mr. Keder and conducted it until January 1, 1896, when Mr. Moran became sole proprietor. The weekly edition run in connection with the daily has a large and increasing circulation.

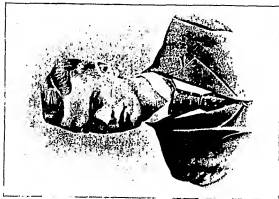


THE DAILY REPUBLICAN'S OFFICE AND EMPLOYEES.  
DRAWN BY LEON A. ROPE.

then took up newspaper work. He was engaged six years in Rockford, rising from a reporter's position on the *Morning Republican* to city editor. On April 3, 1894, he married Miss Edna Gaby, of Rockford.

A. F. Conklin, late city editor of the *Morning Republican*, holds a similar position with the *Belvidere Republican*. He is a clever writer and good all-around newspaper man. C. U. Seiders, whose experience in newspaper work dates back eighteen years, is advertising manager, and is well equipped for the work. M. L. Marshall is foreman of the job rooms and Ezra Merrill foreman of the composing force.

This excellent production, "*Belvidere Illustrated*," speaks louder for the enterprise of the paper than complimentary words.



A. F. ANDERSON.  
"TRY JAVING THE CITY EDITOR."



FRANK T. MORAN.



CHARLES H. SEIDERS.  
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Undivided Profits, \$32,000

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### Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler Martin W. Johnson  
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City, State Balviders, Ill. 61008  
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(born of Dec. 3)	
p.-Graud, Holtensstedt parish, Rendsburg Co.)	
m. May 3, 1811	
d. Dec. 20, 1813	age 75
p.d. Deichnebrn, Katzepeel	10
	b.
	(father of Dec. 3)

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i Augusta Wiebke Rogers (Math.) (n)	p. 1.
d.	d.
p. Feb. 27, 1824 Kettrepel	p. d.
p. b. Holstein, Germany	a Miller
m. ? Illinois or ? Germany	12 Claus
d. Nov. 10, 1899	pressman
p. d. Glencoe, Minn.	(Grand 27th St. 9)
i a Hausmann	b.
pressman	b.

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Caroline Magdalena Elisabeth	(date of b. 1)	
p.b. Merc 5,		
p.b. Dingen, Bauerschaft, Eddekat parish		
d. Sept. 12, 1815 age 56		
p.d. Deichhafen, Nattrepel		
14 Johann Krieger of Nuden	(date of b. 2)	
b.		
p.b.		

7 Dorothea Anna Klävin	m.	
b. Wödenburg	d.	
b. Ringen	p.d.	
p.b. Baueschaf,		
d. August 30		
p.d. 1813		
p.b. Edelak		
Claus Christian (Wm.) Johnson	b.	
born in Sweden	p.b.	
b. Jan. 5, 1831		
d. June 28, 1901		

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p.	Nov. 23, 1847	of New Palestine, Tenn.	28	s.	
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a.	Alvin Leslie Mielke (place of b. 17)	20	
b.	Dec. 16, 1902 near Seconia, p.d. Carver Co., Minnesota.		
c.	Jan. 22, 1909 p.d. Glencoe, Minnesota.		
d.	July 12, 1930 Foshtute, p.d. Danzig state, Old Germany.	28	
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<u>Carolanne F. Irwin</u>	m.	d.
p. Dec. 11, 1893		
<u>Alt Kyschu,</u>		
a. Nov. 3, 1832		
<u>Alt Kyschu,</u>		
a. Berent Co., Danish state-ped. Berent Co., Danish state-p.		
f. Feb. 27, 1915		
<u>Bird Island,</u>		
<u>Elenora Wersch</u>		
younget. d.		
p.4. Revilla Co., Manitoba.		
<u>1795?</u>		
<u>Eloa Anna Muck</u>	b.	
a. Jan. 9, 1956		
<u>Nov. 1, 1870</u>		
<u>Alt Kyschu,</u>		
Oct. 15, 1889		

p. Monterey, Wisc. p.d. Hutchinson, Wn.<sup>9</sup> d. Brent Co., Bangs state. d.

THESE ARE THE QUALITIES OF A GOOD MAN. HE IS NOT A GOOD MAN WHO HAS NO QUALITIES.





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Date: JAN. 30, 1988 Chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

(NO. 6) & A DAUGHTER IN HEDERSLEREN IN 1891)

4 CHRISTIAN FRIEDRICH POLLMANN

b. 1787 ? d. 1822 ?

p.m. BEFORE 1822 ?

p.m. FEB. 15, 1860 AGE 72-10.

p.m. CHRISTIAN H. POLLMANN

b. 1822 ? d. 1892 ?

p.m. 1819 CONFIRMED IN DALLDOFF.

p.m. TO U.S.A.

p.m. 1859, WITH

p.m. WIVES

p.m. BROTHER.

p.m. 1819 CONFIRMED IN DALLDOFF.

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City, State, BELVIDERE, ILL. 61008 Person No. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: Nov. 21, 1981 Chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

(To New Orleans July 1860 ?)

p.m. June 29, 1857 In Bernacke

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Date: April 1, 1985

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*Ancestress Chart* (Jacob Rees enlisted Sept. 19, 1776)  
No. 1 on this chart is the same in Maryland.  
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No. 1 on this chart is the same as No. 1 on this chart in Maryland.

as No. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16 John Hess son of Jacob Hess  
 b. 1859. d. 1978 (Father of Mrs. S.)

brother David Locher Hess)

Henry C. D. A. Haze

1807  
D. March 1, 1815 Washington Co.  
D. March 1, 1815 Washington Co.

17, Juan Locher dtr. of Henry  
 1007  
 Washinton Co. Md.  
 1007

b. Washington Co., Md.  
Herkules. Va. or W. Va.

...Berkeley, Ve., or W. Ve,  
Nov 2 1871  
d. Sept. 10, 1827 Lancaster Co



# MARTIN WILLIAM JOHNSON FAMILY

I was born July 6, 1948 in Rapid City South Dakota, the son of Melvin H. Johnson & Loretta D. Senason. My brother William (Bill) Martin Johnson was born May 30, 1951 in Glencoe, Minn.. Bill Lives in a house on North Olson Road in Caledonia. He plans on building a new house in Belvidere ? We have a half sister by my fathers first wife. She is Phyllis Anne Johnson born April 13, 1942 in Benton or Coos Co., Oregon. She married Victor Rohloff in La Sueur, Minn. in 1960. The Rohloff's are originally from Baddo /or ? Pomerania. See William (Bill) Johnson and Melvin H. Johnson family biographies. See James Malone Hess Jr. family biography.

I graduated from Belvidere High School in 1967. Also Rock Valley College in Rockford, Ill. in 1971. I received a Honorable discharge from the Marines in 1968. I received a Honorable discharge from the Army April 16, 1975 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.. PFC , services no. 349-40-0533. I have a house painting business and am a licensed & registered Illinois Real Estate Broker since 1976. My hobbies are hunting, fishing & tracing ancestors of relatives & friends for twenty years. My library has 800 history & genealogy books, 300 rolls of microfilmed inf., several thousand sheets of microfilmed inf.. All my research has been sent to various groups, libraries, archives & relatives in the U.S.A.. Also books, translations & indexes I've compiled and published on Boone Co. area and other parts of the U.S.A.. See Author / Title fiche index at Salt Lake City, Utah library or their branch libraries. Also see 1964 thru 1971 Belvidere High School year books and Belvidere newspapers for past sports accomplishments of me & my brother. I am a member of American Legion Post 77. I believe in Democracy & Freedom & the capitalist free enterprise system, which provides a incentive for a person to better themselves educationally or Job wise. I dislike Communist & Socialist forms of government, which do not. The U.S.A. Govt. is the best form of Government on Earth.

My daughter is Tara Ann Johnson. She was born April 27, 1983 in Swedish American Hospital in Rockford, Ill.. Her mother is Julie Ann Bingenheimer, born July 27, 1954 in Belvidere, Ill.. Tara was baptised at the St. James Catholic Church July 3, 1983. Her Uncle is Daniel Bingenheimer who plays Pro basketball in Spain. See the Robert F. Bingenheimer Sr. family biography. A picture of Tara & me is enclosed. I plan on being buried in the Glencoe, Minn. City cemetery in the plot of my Great Great Grandpa William Claus Christian Johnson, who was a Civil War veteran and elected to the Minn. State house of representatives in 1895, from McLeod Co., Minn.. The cemetery board has reserved space in this plot for me. Voddan name may be connected in 1970/71. Or Voden surname spelling: from Kirkland, Ill..

Submitted by -

Martin Wm. Johnson  
Martin William Johnson  
314 W. Macomb  
Belvidere, IL 61008

PICTURE FOR MARTIN WM. JOHNSON FAMILY HISTORY



MARTIN WM. JOHNSON & DTR. TARA ANN JOHNSON



**HUSBAND** (Full name) Claus Johannsen/Jannssen  
 Born (date) 1762 ??? Place Munne or Kronprinzkoog ??? or Baalt  
 Chs. (date) \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mar. (date) \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died (date) \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bur. (date) \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 HUSBAND'S FATHER (Full name) \_\_\_\_\_  
 HUSBAND'S MOTHER (Full maiden name) \_\_\_\_\_  
 HUSBAND'S FATHER (Full name) \_\_\_\_\_  
 HUSBAND'S MOTHER (Full maiden name) \_\_\_\_\_

**WIFE** (Full maiden name) Margarethe Liesabeth Gaisler  
 Born (date) 1775 ??? Place Kronprinzkoog ???  
 Chs. (date) \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mar. (date) August 25, 1828 Place Barlterdaich / Baalt  
 Bur. (date) \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 WIFE'S FATHER (Full name) \_\_\_\_\_  
 WIFE'S MOTHER (Full maiden name) \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Full names CHILDREN	WHEN BORN				WHERE BORN				DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE			
		GIVEN NAMES	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE	COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1	<u>Jurgen Jannsen/Jannssen/Johannssen</u>									<u>Feb. 26, 1832</u>			
2	<u>Jaech Jannssen/Johannssen</u>		8	Feb.	1806	<u>Baalt?</u> Kronprinzkoog ???	South-Dithmar	G		<u>Sept. 2, 1832</u>	14	Nov.	1853
3	<u>Claus Jannssen</u>		1	Feb.	1811	"	"	"		<u>5 August 1834</u>	14	Jan	1845
4	<u>Heinrich Johannssen/Johann</u>		1/23	May	1816	Kronprinzkoog ???	South-Dithmar	G		<u>Feb. 21, 1841</u>	9	May	1894
5	<u>Johann Jannssen</u>									<u>14 Dec. 1839 in A. Bine</u>			
6	<u>Margrethe Jannssen/Johannssen</u>		10	11	1808	-H-		G		<u>Nov. 21, 1830 in A. Bine</u>			
7										<u>Paul Peter Thomassen</u>			
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Martin Wm. Johnson  
 514 West Menominee  
 Belvidere, Illinois 61008 U.S.A.

OTHER MARRIAGES

NOTE: ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER.

NAME: WATSON, John Henry

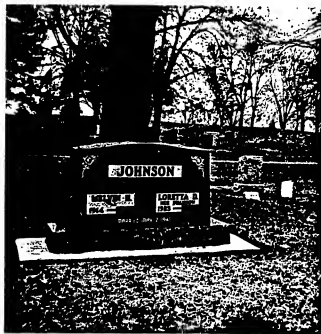
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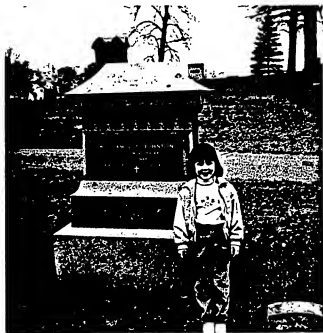
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FAMILY GROUP RECORD





future grave of Martin's parents.  
Glencoe, Minn. cemetery.



← his father  
Jacob  
Jannsen Johanna  
is buried at St.  
John's cemetery  
Biscay, Minn.

Tara's other civil War Veteran  
Ancestor Henry Ringenheimer is  
Buried at St. John's Wisconsin Catholic  
Church cemetery.

Martin W.M. Johnson's St. St. Grandpa's  
grave Glencoe, Minnesota cemetery.  
My Daughter Tara Ann Johnson age 4.  
I plan on being buried here in future.

# ILLINOIS PRAIRIE PIONEER CERTIFICATE

This Certificate is Presented to

*Martin Wm. Johnson*

A Direct Descendant

*William Claus Christian Johnson*

Who Lived in Illinois in

1853



# Rock Valley College



*Upon the recommendation of the faculty  
has conferred upon*

Martin William Johnson

*the degree of*

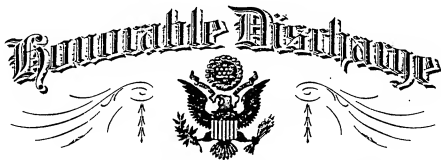
**Associate in Science**

*with all the Rights, Honors and Privileges pertaining thereto  
In Witness Whereof, we hereunto affix the signatures of the  
authorized officers at Rockford, Illinois,*

May 27, 1971

*[Signature]*  
Dean of Students  
Rock Valley College

*[Signature]*  
President of the College



from the Armed Forces of the United States of America

*This is to certify that*

MARTIN WILLIAM JOHNSON 349-40-0533 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E-3 REGULAR ARMY

*was Honorably Discharged from the*

**United States Army**

*on the 16th day of APRIL 1971 This certificate is awarded  
as a testimonial of Honor and Faithful Service*

*[Signature]*  
ROGER L. LAVERENZ  
CAPTAIN, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S CORPS

# WILLIAM M. (BILL) JOHNSON FAMILY

William Martin Johnson is a brother to Martin M. Johnson. Bill was born May 30, 1951 in Glencoe, MN. Minn., son of Melvin H. Johnson & Loretta D. Swanson. (See Martin M. Johnson family biography). The Johnson name was Johannessen & Janssen in Kronprinzengau & Marne, Holstein, Germany. Bill grew up in Le Sueur, Minnesota. He came with his parents & brother to Belvidere, Ill. in summer of 1962. He was a outstanding wrestler & track member in High School sports. His hobbies are hunting & fishing. Bill works for Dean Foods, since 1971. He has been married twice. His first wife was Ann Marie Hess born Dec. 5, 1935 in Belvidere, Ill. They were married at the Presbyterian church July 31, 1971. Two sons are Shawn Eugene Johnson born Sept. 10, 1971 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford, Ill. Jamie Nelson Johnson born Oct. 4, 1972 at Rockford Memorial Hospital. Both boys were adopted by their maternal grand parents after Bill & Ann's divorce. Their names were changed to Hess. Shawn went into the Navy last year, enlisting from Seattle, Washington. The Johnson & Hess ancestors were Civil War Veterans on the northern Union side. The Hess ancestors were also Revolutionary War Veterans. See James Malone Hess Jr. biography.

Bill's second wife is Cindy Kihnen born Jan. 8, 1949 in Freeport, Ill., daughter of Paul Kihnen & Ruby Lang. Three children are--Sonya Elaine Johnson born July 14, 1977. Tasha E. Johnson born Sept. 1, 1979. Jaramiah Joshua Johnson born Sept. 3, 1981. All three born in Rockford, Ill. They live on North Olson Road in Caladonia, Ill. They plan on building a home in Belvidere. They were married August 10, 1974 in the Church by the road in Rockton, Ill., next to Wagon Wheel resort. Cindy has a Masters degree in Physical Education & one in counseling & Teaching, from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Ill. The Kihnen's name was originally Klassen. They came from Larzell, Baden Co., East Prussia, West Germany. One line went on to Charles City, Iowa. The east Prussian Lutherans in Ill. & Iowa etc. published a german paper--Gottfriesche Nachrichten, in Breda, Iowa. It has many obituaries & is indexed by K.H. De Nell. Cindy's Kluges ancestors came from Leopoldsdorf, Born Co., Lippe Detmold, W. Germany. The Schweppe's also. The Lang's may have come from Bodensrieder, Baden, West Germany. The Isermann/Klasmann's came from Brakelalek, West Germany. The Curtz/Curtz ancestors came from Hannover area. Locke's came from Lippe Detmold area. Bill's niece is Tara Ann Johnson of Belvidere. Bill has a half sister Phyllis June (Johnson) Rohloff in Le Sueur, Minn.. Lang surname is sometimes spelled as Long in records.

Submitted by Martin M. Johnson

Martin William Johnson  
Belvidere, Ill. 61008  
547-4752

# MELVIN H. JOHNSON & LORETTA D. (SWANSON) JOHNSON FAMILY

The Johnson's were early settlers in Illinois & Minnesota. The Johnson surname is considered German, because it is originally from Kronprinzengau & Marne, South Dithmarschen county, Holstein, Germany, NW of Hamburg. In the record there the surname varies from Johannessen & Janssen. It is probably Danish back in the 1600's. The Johnson's have always married all or half German women. They were either Ev. Lutheran, Congregational or United Church of Christ founders & members up until we moved to Belvidere, Ill. in 1962. Also see the Martin M. Johnson & William Martin Johnson biographies.

Melvin H. Johnson was born July 26, 1914 in Glencoe, MN. Leod Co., Minnesota. He was first married to Freda Wilson in 1938 in Woodland, Washington State. Freda was born in Couville, Coos Co., Oregon. Her parents were Frank H. Wilson & Laura. Mel's second marriage was to Loretta D. Swanson May 2, 1947 in Berkeley, California. A daughter Phyllis June Johnson was born April 13, 1942 in Benton or Coos Co., Oregon. Her mother was Mel's first wife Freda Wilson. By his second wife Loretta were born two sons - Martin M. Johnson born July 6, 1948 in Rapid City, South Dakota. (Bill) William Martin Johnson born May 30, 1951 in Glencoe, Minnesota. Mel's marriage took place at the Ev. Lutheran Bethlehem Church. Mel grew up on the 1862 Johnson farm homestead by Biscay, Minn.. He graduated from high school several years early. He won the Minnesota State spelling Bee twice. He graduated from the Minnesota School of Business in the Twin Cities. Taking short hand & rapid calculations in math & other business courses. He welded ships during WW II. In 1948 he went to work for Green Giant Co., at their main Hm plant in Le Sueur, Minn.. He was transferred to Belvidere, Ill. in 1962 as warehouse superintendent. He convinced the home office to expand the Belvidere plants warehousing operation and made it a major distribution point for Green Giant co.. This is why the plant remained open when others just north across into Wisconsin closed later.

Since his retirement in 1975, Mel fishes and travels the year round. He is a past exalted ruler of the Belvidere Elks Lodge no. 1580. He has given \$2,000. to It's Elks National Foundation. The Elks give out scholarships each year to students. He is a member of the Bull Stone fishing club and the NRA etc.... He is a member of the First Presbyterian church in Belvidere. He owns a small farm on the edge of Le Sueur, Minn.. Mel, Loretta & their son Martin M. Johnson plan on being buried in the Glencoe, Minn. City cemetery. Mel's great grandpa William Claus Christian Johnson was a corporal in the Union Army during the Civil War. He served at Chatsanooga, Tenn. in Company L., first Minn. Heavy Artillery. His brother Peter M. Nicolas Johnson died there & is buried in the National Cemetery at Nashville, Tenn.. William was elected to the Minn. state house of representatives in 1885, from

McLeod Co., Minn.. Williams parents are buried in St. John U.C.C. cemetery near Biscay, Minn.. See Illinois Pioneer certificate application in Springfield (1883 Ill. pioneer). See 1888, 1917 & 1978 History of McLeod Co., Minn. history books. The Johnsons settled in Half Day, Vernon Twp., Lake Co., Ill. in 1883 & 1884. The Rathjes's (Rogers) also settled there. The family names were changed there. Rathjes became Rogers. Johannessen / Jannessen became Johnson. By 1861 they had all moved on to Minn., Iowa & Wisconsin.

Loretta D. (Swanson) Johnson. Mels wife was born June 2, 1923 in Glencoe, Minn.. The family name was originally Swendsen and they came to Baldwin, Wisconsin in 1883. My mother and her sisters were in a traveling circus as young adults and were very musically inclined. She was in the stage show's song & dance show and part of the high flying trapeze act. She had a elephant put it's foot on her stomach. After she won a beauty contest in Minneapolis / St. Paul, Minn., she went out to Hollywood, California and was one of Earl Carroll's Ten most beautiful women of the World. He had the famous Hollywood motion picture theater shows there. Loretta's father died Oct. 30, 1987 in Glencoe, Minn. and is buried in the Fort Snelling National cemetery in Minneapolis, Minn.. A WW I veteran, service no. 3369940. Served in France & in Germany. Her mother is living in Glencoe, Minn. & Watertown, Minn.. She was taken in by the Howe family after her parents divorced. Her grave was taken in by the Ellers family after the mother died from child birth complications. Some Biographies and court house records have the adopted names in them. See Wisconsin Pioneer certificate applications in Madison & Watertown, Misc. for families of Dobrats, Knick, Zarnke, Swendsen / Swanson, I submitted.

Mels brother William C. Johnson was a Marine in the South Pacific during WW II. He married Patty Jean Ball in 1947 in Berkeley, Calif.. He was the owner of a large redwood brokerage firm in Calif.. Mels brother Morris E. Johnson married Doris Allison Aug. 25, 1938 in Hutchinson, Minn.. He is living in Anoka, Minn.. He is a well known band instructor. Taping his hand to several Rose Bowl football games. He is mentioned in who's who in band journals. See charts & genealogical inf. in back of books Martin Wm. Johnson has published and in Salt Lake City Genealogical Library and Ida Public library. A picture of Loretta D. (Swanson) Johnson & Melvin H. Johnson is enclosed.

Submitted by -  
Martin Wm. Johnson

Martin William Johnson  
1000 E. 1st Street  
Berkeley, IL 60008

For Melvin H. Johnson Family Biography →

Loretta D. (Swanson) Johnson. 1946  
-Earl Carroll Theater in Hollywood,  
California.



Claus Christian William Johnson/Johannsen/Janssen, born Jan. 5, 1833 in Kronprinzengroß, Holstein, Germany. Son of Jacob Johannsen/Janssen b. Feb. 8, 1806 in area of Wernitz, 2  
 Mary Wiebke Catrina Holthusen b. Jan. 9, 1814 in Wernitz. Williams wife was Augusta Wiebke  
 Rathje b. Feb. 27, 1824 in Kattrepel, daughter of Jochim John Rathje b. 1768-70 in Graudenz  
 & Caroline Magdalena Elitz. Dorothea Dreessen b. 1790 in Mägen. William came to Lake Co.,  
 Illinois in about May 15, 1853. Augusta and Williams parents arrived in about 1854. By  
 1859 Jacob and son Peter Nicholas Johnson/Johannsen/Janssen were in Mc Leod Co., Minn..  
 William and wife & family arrived in Mc Leod Co., Minn. late in 1860. William was a  
 Corporal in the union army of the north in the American civil war. Enlisting in Company  
 L, 1st. Minn. Heavy Artillery. His brother Henry b. Aug. 15, 1846 in Kronprinzengroß died  
 in 1864 in the civil war of measles in Chattanooga, Tennessee. William was elected to the  
 Minnesota state house of representatives from Mc Leod Co., Minn. in 1888. William owned  
 a large farm and hotel. He died June 28, 1901 in Glencoe, Minnesota. Augusta died Nov.  
 10, 1899 in Glencoe. Jacob died Nov. 14, 1883 in Biscay, sumter twp., Mc Leod Co., Minn..  
 His wife Mary died about 1859 in Illinois, Wisconsin or Minnesota. John Rathje died Dec.  
 20, 1843 in Deichshorn. Caroline died Sept. 12, 1845 in Deichshorn. Williams brother  
 Heinrich Johnson/Johannsen/Janssen b. June 1, 1838 Kronprinzengroß died May 9, 1894.  
 Williams son Charles Christian Johnson b. 1855 Illinois, and his son William Albert R.  
 Johnson b. 1887 Minnesota, and his son Melvin Harry Johnson b. 1914 Minn., and his son  
 Martin William Johnson b. 1918 South Dakota, and his daughter Tara Ann Johnson b. 1983  
 Illinois are all direct line descendants of the above. None of the above fought in the  
 two world wars. Martin William Johnson 5th West Menominee, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.  
 The names were changed to Johnson & Rogers after they arrived in Lake Co., Ill..



*Claus Christian William Johnson/Johannsen/Janssen*  
*Augusta Wiebke (Rathje) Johannsen/Janssen*



*Claus Christian Johnson/Johannsen*  
*Janssen*  
*1st. Minnesota Heavy Artillery*  
*1833 Kronprinzengroß, Wernitz,*  
*Holstein Co., Holstein, Germany.*  
*15, 1854 ship Humboldt. 1st. settled*  
*in Illinois, 1860 to Sumter, Mc Leod*  
*Co. Father was Jacob Johnson - Buried*  
*in W. Williams died June 28, 1901 in Glencoe, Minn..*

# MINNESOTA CONGRESSMEN, LEGISLATORS, and other ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS

An Alphabetical  
Check List, 1849-1971

Compiled by M. F. TOENIGING

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*Marshall W. Johnson  
Ancestor.*

110. JOHNSON, T. H. 1876-1946  
Otter Tail, Fergus Falls. H 1931;  
S 1935-37 (50)
111. JOHNSON, Tatem 1834-1914  
Houston, Spring Grove, Hamer.  
H 1869, 1871 (13), 1873; S 1887-89  
(1)
112. JOHNSON, Verne C. 1925-  
Hennepin, Minneapolis. H 1955 (30)
113. JOHNSON, Victor L. 1871-1925  
Chicago, Center City. S 1909-13 (12)
114. JOHNSON, Victor L.  
Kittson, Lake Brown. H 1959-65  
(67)
115. JOHNSON, W. R. 1874-  
Hennepin, Minneapolis. H 1878-79  
(26)
116. JOHNSON, W. R.  
Madison, Sebeka. H 1919 (31)
117. JOHNSON, W. R.  
Horrer, Fulda. H 1883 (7)
118. JOHNSON, William  
1835-1901  
McLeod, Glenwood. H 1885 (35)
119. JOHNSON, William E. 1850-  
Hennepin, Minneapolis. S 1895-97  
(28)
120. JOHNSON, Gussell  
-1925  
Hennepin, Albert Lea. H 1939-1901  
(9)
121. JOHNSON, T. J.  
Frederick, Albert Lea. S 1873-74 (5)
122. JOHNSON, James 1854-  
1901  
17, 1872-79 (31)
123. JOHNSON, Ray S. 1934-  
Anoka, Duluth. H 1967 (57b)
124. JOHNSON, Willard C. 1866-1943  
Wadena, Wadena. H 1953, 1959 (16)
125. JOHNS, A. J. 1819?-  
McLeod, Hutchinson. H 1876 (36)
126. JONES, De Witt C. 1833?-71?  
Ramsay, St. Paul. H 1868 (1)
127. JONES, Edwin J. 1856-1930  
Stevens, Morris. S 1895-97 (49),  
1899-1901 (37)
128. JONES, John D. 1840-1914  
Todd, Long Prairie. Clk. of Cr.  
1/1889-1/94; H 1895 spkr., 1897 (46);  
S 1899-1901 (33)
129. JONES, John N. 1850-  
Redwood, Tracy, Westline. H 1887,  
1895 (9)
130. JONES, John R. 1828-1900  
Fillmore, Chatfield. S 1858 (9)
131. JONES, Ireland 1824?-  
Goodhue, Red Wing. H 1874 (16)
132. JONES, M. S.  
Otter Tail, Mott Lake. H 1903 (39)
133. JONES, Ray W. 1855-1919  
Hennepin, Minneapolis. W. Gov.  
1/1903-1/07
134. JONES, Richard 1887-  
St. Louis, Duluth. S 1915-17 (58)
135. JONES, Richard A. 1831-48  
Hennepin, St. Paul. H 1871 (13),  
1872, 1879 (10)
136. JONES, Richard C. 1924-  
Hennepin, St. Paul. H 1944 (42)
137. JONES, Seymour 1864-  
Wabasha, Kalliope. H 1889 (12)
138. JONES, Stiles P. 1823?-1861  
Quassted, Rochester. S 1861 (12)
139. JONES, William 1824?-  
Dakota, Hastings. H 1870 (7)
140. JONES, William P. 1838-  
Hennepin, Blue Earth, Muckemont Valley.  
H 1877 (14)
141. JONES, William R. 1837-  
Blue Earth, Jackson. H 1887 (10)
142. JOHNSON, T. G. 1834-  
Frederick, Albert Lea. S 1873-74  
(5); H 1887 (4)
143. JOPP, Ralph P. 1913-  
Carver, Mayer. H 1961 (11), 1963-  
65 (14), 1967-71 (14a)

*My daughter -*

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
 COUNTY OF COOK  
 CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH  
 112-27-09319  
 1040

13933  
 744 A  
 Female  
 TAGE ANN JOHNSON  
 BORN April 27, 1983  
 Swedish American Hospital  
 805 N. Main Street  
 Rockford, Illinois  
 61008

Parents: William Johnson, S. Johnson  
 Address: 1215 N. Alpine Rd., Rockford, IL 61107

Signature: *Josephine Johnson*  
 Date: APR 28 1983

*Parents never married*

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT this is a true and correct copy of the  
 BIRTH record - TAGE ANN JOHNSON  
 and that this record was established and filed in my office in  
 accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Statutes.  
 Dated JUNE 2, 1983  
 PAUL P. GILL COUNTY CLERK  
 By: *Theresa Johnson* DEPUTY

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CERTIFICATION OF BIRTH REGISTRATION  
 STATE OF ILLINOIS  
 COUNTY OF COOK  
 JAMIE MELDON JOHNSON  
 BORN October 4, 1972  
 ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS  
 Date of Birth: October 4, 1972  
 Date of Registration: October 10, 1972  
 Date of Filing: October 10, 1972  
 Date of Issuance: October 10, 1972  
 Date of Return: October 10, 1972  
 Date of Filing: October 10, 1972  
 Date of Return: October 10, 1972  
 Date of Filing: October 10, 1972  
 Date of Return: October 10, 1972

*Adopted by his  
 Hess Grandparents  
 Boone Co. Court House  
 has copy of original cert*

*My nephew  
 Allen adopted by  
 Non-grandparents*



10000  
 STATE OF ILLINOIS  
 DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
 DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS  
 CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH 112-71-091283

<b>NAME</b> SHAWN EUGENE JOHNSON	<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b> SEPTEMBER 10, 1971	<b>TIME</b> 1:10 P.M.
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b> ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	<b>DATE OF DEATH</b> N/A	<b>TIME OF DEATH</b> N/A
<b>SEX</b> MALE	<b>RACE</b> WHITE	<b>RELIGION</b> N/A
<b>WEIGHT</b> 150 LBS.	<b>HEIGHT</b> 5' 10"	<b>HAIR</b> BROWN
<b>EYES</b> BLUE	<b>SKIN</b> FAIR	<b>TEETH</b> N/A
<b>MARKS</b> N/A	<b>SCARS</b> N/A	<b>OTHER</b> N/A
<b>RESIDENCE</b> 6112 ROCKFORD STREET, ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS 61109	<b>DATE OF RESIDENCE</b> SEPTEMBER 10, 1971	<b>DATE OF CERTIFICATE</b> SEPTEMBER 10, 1971
<b>REGISTERED</b> YES	<b>FILED</b> YES	<b>INDEXED</b> YES

I, HERBERT CARROLL, Clerk of said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the  
 BIRTH RECORD  
 and that this record was lawfully filed and filed in my Office in  
 accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Statutes.  
 Reel 197  
 Dated SEP 10 1971  
 PAUL P. GILL County Clerk  
 DEPUTY  
 Page 1

Adopted by his  
 Mess Grandparents  
 Boone Co. Court House  
 Has copy of Original cert.

CERTIFICATION OF BIRTH REGISTRATION  
 STATE OF ILLINOIS  
 ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS  
 SHAWN EUGENE JOHNSON  
 (Full Name of Birth Record)  
 DATE OF BIRTH SEPTEMBER 10, 1971  
 TIME OF BIRTH SEPTEMBER 10, 1971  
 PLACE OF BIRTH ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS  
 DATE OF DEATH N/A  
 TIME OF DEATH N/A  
 PLACE OF DEATH N/A  
 DATE OF CERTIFICATE SEP 10 1971  
 INDEXED YES  
 FILED YES  
 REGISTERED YES

My Nephew  
 with adopted by Boone  
 grandfathers

# Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Century Family Certificate

The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society takes pleasure in awarding this Certificate to the following descendant of a pioneer settler who lived in Wisconsin one hundred or more years ago:

Martha Wm. Johnson

This Certificate is awarded in special tribute to the following ancestor(s) of the descendant, showing the County and the year of arrival in Wisconsin:

August Florinck Zarink  
 and Ottile Amelia Florinck (Zarink) Zarink  
 Dodge County, by 1855

Awarded this 19th day of November, 1981 at Madison, Wisconsin

President: *John K. Miller*  
 Secretary: *John K. Miller*





# Washington County Pioneer Certificate

To commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of Washington County, the Affiliated Historical Societies of Washington County and the 150th Anniversary Committee are pleased to award this certificate to the following descendant of a pioneer settler who lived in Washington County by 1886.

*Tara Ann Johnson*

This certificate is awarded in special tribute to the following ancestors of the above descendant showing the year of settlement.

Erhard and Eleonora (Kraemer) Reichart

© 1848



Awarded this 25th day of September 1986 in Washington County, Wisconsin.

*Arthur E. Reppert*  
County Clerk

*Richard F. Schmalz*  
County Board Chairman

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John Adam and Christine (Loesch) Bingenheimer

1843

Henry Bingenheimer

1843



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**ROBERT FRANCIS BINGENHEIMER FAMILY**

Robert F. Bingenheimer is the grandson of Para Ann Johnson. See her father & Uncle's biography. Robert was born Jan. 2, 1921 in Belvidere, Ill., the son of Michael J. Bingenheimer & Theresa Ann Murfin. Robert enlisted in the NW II in Chicago, Illinois. He was in active combat duty with the U.S. Marines in the South Pacific, losing 1 1/2 fingers & receiving the Purple Heart Medal.

After returning from the war he taught himself the electricians trade & continued this work until his retirement. He married Joan Mae Esther York July 7, 1953 at St. James church. She was born Aug. 2, 1933 in Belvidere. She passed away Aug. 10, 1985. Children are James Bingenheimer, Julie Ann Bingenheimer, Robert F. Bingenheimer & Daniel Bingenheimer. Daniel Bingenheimer played basketball for Belvidere High School and was an exceptional basketball player at Mt. Carmel, Ill. Washburn Community College and Mizou Tigers at the University of Missouri at Columbia. No.. playing at both on full scholarships. He played one year pro ball for France. He now plays pro ball for Spain the last two years. Julie is Para's mother.

Robert Sr.'s father Michael Bingenheimer was born in West Bend, Wisconsin Dec. 10, 1874. Son of Valentine Bingenheimer and Rose Amelia Werninger. Valentine Bingenheimer's father Henry J. Bingenheimer was born Oct. 10, 1817 in Salzen, Rhineland Province, West Germany on Rhine river south of Mainz. He was a Civil War Veteran in Company B., 17th Wisconsin Infantry. His parents & family arrived in N.Y.C. July 12, 1843 on ship Irad Ferry. They went on to Milwaukee area. His father John Adam J. Bingenheimer was drafted by Napoleon in Europe. John's father was Johannes Jacobus Bingenheimer. Salzen was previously in province of Hess-Darmstadt in 1700's. See John Adam Joseph Bingenheimer pioneer certificate applications at Wisconsin State Hist. Library or West Bend, Wisc..

Michael Bingenheimer came to Belvidere about 1913 from Minneapolis, Minn.. He was a meat butcher. He went broke during the depression by giving the poor meat on credit, which he never was paid. A Uncle Ferdinand Bingenheimer came here before him. A brother Charles lived in Rockford, Ill.. Other relatives lived in Ill., Wisc., & Minn.. Michael's wife Theresa Ann Murfin was born in Belvidere March 26, 1890, the daughter of Patrick Murfin II & Anne Hill. Patrick Murfin family donated the stained glass window at the St. James Catholic church. Murfin Property was used when the St. Joseph Hospital was built. The Murfin's came from Killybegs, Kilcar, Donegal Co., Ireland. The Hill's came from Tipperary Co.?, Ireland to Concord, Merrimack Co., New Hampshire in 1668. Going to Bedford, Taylor Twp., Alameda Co., Iowa a few years latter. Then they came to Belvidere. In 1870 the Murfin's were in four families in Boone Co.. Owen Murfin, John Murfin, James Murfin & Patrick Murfin Sr.. Earlier the Murfin's were in Peoria, Ill. area. They came to the U.S. about 1860. The

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Mc Donald's were born in Tipperary Co., Ireland. They were Scotch Irish. The Reichert's came about 1948. The Werninger's came about 1845.

The oldest proven York ancestor is William York who was born J.M. 22, 1849 in Germany. He came to the U.S. about 1873 to Chicago. Married There? In 1875 to his wife Augusta Mildred Gause / Guse. The York name was previously Yorks and Yehoke and Gehrke etc. in Lutheran church records in Union, Riley & Maricopa, Ill.. The Abraham's came from Muesterburg or Muesterhausen, New Stettin Co., West Prussia in about 1874 to Chicago & latter Mc Henry & Boone Co.. Also the Gause's, The Yehoke / Gehrke / Yehoke / York families came from Pomerania? state in Germany. Joan's father Walter Albert Yehoke was born in Maricopa area March 14, 1890. He was married to Rose Mildred Bertha Emilie Behnke Nov. 11, 1907 in Union, Ill.. The Behnke's came to Mc Henry Co., in 1881 & 1883. Latter to Boone Co., Ill.. Rose Behnke was born Nov. 13, 1886 in Maricopa, Ill.. a daughter of Edward Behnke & Amelia Emilia Naatz. Edward was born Jan. or Feb. 1850 in Labes, (Tivoli), Pomerania. North of the larger village of Labes. The Naatz / Naetz / Nates families came in 1878 & 1882 to Mc Henry Co.. Many families stopped off in Chicago when they first arrived in the U.S.. Some of the only existing records are church records, which need to be microfilmed and made accessible.

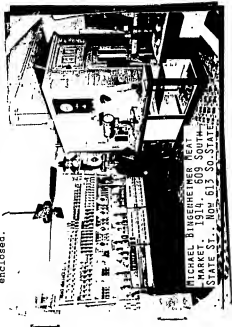
Robert's brother Joseph Bingenheimer lives in Cupertino, California. His sister Mary Bingenheimer lives in North Chicago, Ill.. She has a son Michael Bingenheimer (Ceglaski), Joseph was in the Navy.

The first Bingenheimer Meat Market was at 609 So. State St., Nov 613. (in 1914). A

picture of the Bingenheimer's Meat Market is enclosed.

*Martin Wm Johnson*  
Martin Wm. Johnson

Martin William Johnson  
314 W. Menominee  
Belvidere, IL 61008







## JAMES MALONE HESS JR. FAMILY

James Malone Hess Jr. is the father of Earl Eldon Hess and is the Great Grandpa of Shawn Eugene (Johnson) Hess & Jamie Meldon (Johnson) Hess. These two boys are the sons of William Martin Johnson and Anne Marie Hess. Their Uncle is Martin William Johnson. See their biographies. Bill's two boys above were adopted by their Hess grand parents above. Their names were changed to Hess after their parents divorced. Shawn was born Sept. 10, 1971 in Swedish American Hospital in Rockford, Ill.. Jamie was born Oct. 4, 1972 in Rockford Memorial Hospital. Earl Hess was born April 23, 1932 in Boone Co., Ill.. He married Donna Jean Grimes May 23, 1953 in Beavertown. She was born in Beavertown Sept. 21, 1935. Donna Grimes father was Eldon Earl Grimes born Nov. 11, 1911 in Marengo, Ill.. He married Gertrude Anne Belle Fleming June 8, 1934 in Beavertown. She was born March 24, 1917 in Caladonia, Ill.. James Malone Hess Jr. was born Aug. 9, 1903 in Leasriver, Ogle Co., Ill. He married Viola Louise Moore Jan. 11, 1922 in Beavertown. She was born in Beavertown Nov. 2, 1914. James Malone Hess Sr. was born May 16, 1879 in Leasriver, Ill.. He married Rose Mae Light Jan. 8, 1903 in Freeport, Ill.. She was born June 10, 1881 in Engon, Ill..

James Malone Hess Sr.'s father was Marcus Clinton Hess born in 1842 in Leasriver, Ogle Co., Ill.. His wife was Mary Eliza Malone born Sept. 8, 1848 in McMorris, Ill.. Marcus C. Hess enlisted in the Civil War at Milwaukee, Wisconsin Jan. 24, 1864. He was discharged July 19, 1865. His father Henry C.G.A. Hess was born in 1807 in Washington, Co., Maryland. One of Henry's brothers was David Lecher Hess. See Hess family biographies etc. in several Ogle co. history books. Also in the John (Hans) Hess of Lancaster Co., Penn. History 1685 - 1977 by Irvin David Hess. Library of Congress no. 78-66658. Copy at NMS Madison. Henry Hess was the son of John Hess born Feb. 9, 1778 in Washington Co., Maryland. His father was Jacob Hess born 1740 in Lancaster Co., Penn.. He served in the Revolutionary War as a private in the Flying Camp under Richard Smith. Enlisted Sept. 19, 1776. He went to Maryland in 1780 or 1780's. His father was Jacob Hess who was born in 1706 in Europe. Lived in Warwick Twp., Lancaster Co., son of John (HANS) Hess born July 1, 1685 in Wald, Zurich Canton, Switzerland. Buried in Hess cemetery on farm near Baumgardners station, in Lancaster Co., Penn.. He paid taxes in Palatinate, at Conestoga, Penn. in 1720.

Rose Mae Light's grand father was John Light born July 17, 1812 in Daughlin Co., now Lebanon Co., Penn.. Lightwells, Ogle Co., Ill. is named after this family. The name was originally Light etc... The Hess's came to Illinois in 1837/1838. The Malones's came in 1838. The Light's came July 1837 after stopping a while in Ohio. The Grimes came to Mc Henry Co., Ill. in 1844 from Carrollton, Carroll Co., Ohio. They came to Boone Co., Ill.. in 1922. Elwood Grimes wife was Grace Elsie Aubrey. His

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father was Solomon King Grimes born March 24, 1833-37 in Carrollton, Ohio. His first wife was Mary Tate or Fisher. His second wife was her sister ? Caroline Christine Hand. Solomon's father was Samuel Grimes born July 20, 1796 in Washington Co., Penn.. The name varies from Grimes and Grimes. They were in the town or township of Donegal, Robinson, Hopewell & Buffalo in Washington Co., Penn.. They moved to Ohio by 1830. Solomon's second marriage was in 1872. Our line, Grace Elsie (Aubrey) Grimes father was William Robert Aubrey, born Dec. 21, 1852 in Hadenham, Cambridgeshire, England. The name is spelled Cherry in 1861 census for Hadenham. Mr. Robert Aubrey / Cherry, first settled in Barrington or Dundee, Ill., in 1870. He returned to Hadenham and married Sarah Annie A. Watts in 1877. Her parents are Mr. W. Watts and Jeremiah Mann or Mann. Her's parents are Mrs. & Ann? Mr. Robert Aubrey's parents are Robert Cherry and Ann. He lived east of Marengo.

Gertrude (Fleming) Grimes father was William Fleming Jr. born 1875 in Garden Prairie, Ill.. He married 3 women. 1. Cora Frances Pease. 2. Our line - Elma Alma Jeannette Wicks. 3. Martha Belle Mc Cushman ? William Fleming Sr. was born Feb. 1837 in Coochill, Perrygoose, Monahan Co., Ireland, son of John Fleming & Mary Seyburn who are buried in Lawrenceville cemetery. William Sr.'s wife was Jane Ellen Conn born Nov. 1822 in Cobleskill, Schoharie Co., N.Y.. Her father George Conn of Mc Henry Co., Ill., was born in Custer, Monahan Co., Ireland May 8, 1834. His wife Mary Bradley died May 16, 1902 in Leroy Twp., Boone Co..

Mr. Wilbur Wicks was born July 1864 in Boone Twp., Boone Co., Ill.. He married Mary Jane Armstrong Feb. 2, 1874 in Rockford. Daniel Wicks was his father and he married Jeannette C.S. Daniel Wicks was in Lake Co., Ill. around 1840 & bought land in Boone Co., in 1848. Mary Jane Armstrong was born April 7, 1856 in Cobleskill, N.Y.. Her father was John Armstrong and mother was Sarah A. Willoughby.

Viola Moore's father was William Moore born Feb. 19, 1890 in Russellville, Boone Co., Ill.. He married Katherine Obrien in 1909. She was born in Chicago Dec. 21, 1894. The daughter of Patrick ? Obrien and Katherine Lynch. The parents were married in Waterford, Ireland ? The Obrien's came to Chicago in 1890 ? Buried in St. James cemetery in Beavertown. Mr. Moore was a 1st. Lieut. in Co. M. 04 E., 128th Ill. Inf., 33rd Division, serving in France. He originally lived in Chicago. Had a brother Ira in St. Morris, Ill.. A brother Douglas Moore, by his fathers first wife was a composer in N.Y.C.. Mr. Wallace Moore born Dec. 6, 1830 in Preble, Courtland Co., N.Y. married Fannie M. L. Lowley in Rockford Nov. 10, 1881. Her first husband was Albert Alderman who she married in 1869. Fannie was born Feb. 11, 1851 in Guilford Twp., Winnebago Co., Ill.. Her father was Germaine Jermaine James Lowley born 1822 in either N.Y. or Submontion, N.H.. He married Melina P. Nichols June 25, 1849 in Rockford, Ill.. He died in Rockford or on way back from Princeton, Ill.. or Alton,

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Illinois. Families great uncle is said to be Elijah Parrish Lovejoy, the abolitionist editor who was born in Albion, Maine nov. 9, 1802 & died in Alton, Ill.. Nov. 7, 1837.

Caroline Christine Band's parents were Lewis J. Band Sr. & Margaret A.L. Weidner. The mother died Aug. 6, 1899 in Marengo. The father died May 11, 1908 in Columbia Falls, Montana. The Weidners came from Schriesheim, Baden, Germany. In 1854 They came from Clarion Co., Penn. to Chicago, Ill.. See Band, Bradley, Churchill book 1795 on, by Betty Green Richmond published in 1982. Copy at Library.

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